

**Applications due  
by March 15 for  
the following  
school year**

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Present School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Upcoming Grade Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/ Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents, why are you interested in your child's  
attending The Springs at BFSA?**

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Please turn applications in to the main school  
office or mail to 300 Virgil Matthews Dr.  
Muskogee, OK 74401

Benjamin Franklin Science Academy strives to be a school highly regarded for academics with science and the scientific process as the vehicle through which we empower the next generation of leaders with character education and a vision for serving and improving our community. Our partnership with The Springs, a state-of-the art senior care center, is a perfect opportunity for our young students to gain a vision for serving, compassion for others, and a love for community improvement—all while they benefit from the residents' years of wisdom, knowledge, legacy and experience.



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## BFSA Entry Criteria

Entry into Benjamin Franklin Science Academy is open to any student in Muskogee Public Schools on a space-available basis. Entry is based on special interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, not special abilities. A screening process for attendance, discipline and leadership is part of the criteria for determining entry for students. A formal, but simple, application involving both student and parent participation is required and is attached to this brochure.

Students not selected for immediate enrollment will be placed on a waiting list. Once a student is selected, he/she may remain through the eighth-grade without reapplying.

### What is the magnet program/curriculum?

The purpose of the Science Academy magnet program is to provide an intellectually stimulating environment for students with common interests and educational needs. BFSA's curriculum is excellent for students seeking an opportunity to increase their abilities in problem-solving, critical-thinking, abstract reasoning and overall scientific knowledge. Science instruction is integrated into all subjects.

### What is Intergenerational Learning?

This concept is an intergenerational education program that will help improve early childhood education and senior citizens' quality of life. Intergenerational learning is the passing on of life experience, wisdom, and more through mentoring between people of all ages. Our program is only the sixth program of its kind in Oklahoma. Jenks Public Schools has piloted this program for the last nine years and it has been extremely successful for everyone involved. In fact, they have a huge waiting list every year, because the parents know how helpful this program is to their children's early education.

### Is there a tuition fee?

BFSA is a Muskogee Public School. There are no tuition costs. Interested students from outside the school district may apply for admission following approval of an emergency or open-transfer request, and if accepted, no tuition cost will be required.



## The Springs FAQs

- ◇ Preschool and kindergarten students at The Springs at BFSA go to school from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.
- ◇ Preschoolers take an afternoon nap while kindergartners work on math and reading with their Unobook laptops provided by the school district in the afternoon.
- ◇ Students eat the same school breakfasts and lunches as they do at the main campus, and sometimes residents join them for meals.
- ◇ Students and residents read together daily. They participate in special projects together, as well — and all interaction between students and residents of The Springs is done in the presence of a student/resident liaison or school personnel.
- ◇ There are 21 slots for each grade, each school year. However, preschoolers who attended The Springs the previous year will have top priority for the kindergarten spots. Nonetheless, interested kindergartners can apply to be put on a waiting list, if needed.