



# Mount Eiden Middle School

## APEX (Advanced Placement Experience) Academy Application

Applications, along with the necessary documentation, are due to Mount Eiden Middle School no later than **February 3, 2020** to be considered in the initial application review process. All applicants who submit an application after this date will be placed on our waiting list, and will be considered for enrollment in the future, should a seat become available. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please return your completed application to:

**Mount Eiden Middle School**  
ATTN: MEMS APEX Academy  
3223 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Flagstaff, AZ 86004  
Fax: (928) 773-8269 Phone: (928) 773-8250  
E-mail: dnatseway@fUSD1.org

We will consider several factors when selecting students for our program:

- ✓ academic performance
- ✓ teacher recommendations
- ✓ AZMerit, Explore or similar standardized test results
- ✓ completed application packet and student essay

Accepted students will automatically be approved for open enrollment and do not need to complete a boundary exception form. In addition to this application, parents will need to complete a school registration packet.

*I hereby certify that the information presented in this application is true, accurate and complete. I understand and agree that misrepresentation or omission of relevant facts would be cause for rejection of this application.*

**Student Signature**

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**Date**

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**Parent Signature**

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**Date**

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# Mount Elden Middle School

## APEX Academy Application: Information Page

Name of Student:

Address (include zip code):

Name(s) of Parent/Guardian:

Phone(s) of Parent/Guardian:

Email(s) of Parent/Guardian:

Current School:

Current Grade:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date of Application:

Date of Birth:

Gender:

Male

Female

<p><b>How did you hear about the APEX Academy at MEMS? (check all that apply)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> School Visit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Open House</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Website</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Brochure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Counselor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Sibling</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Current Student</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list):</p>	<p><b>Check your race/ethnic designation (optional):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> American Indian</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> African American</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><b>Grade level for the 2019-2020 school year:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6<sup>TH</sup>      <input type="checkbox"/> 7<sup>TH</sup>      <input type="checkbox"/> 8<sup>th</sup></p>
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<p><b>Application Checklist:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information page</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of most recent REPORT CARD</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of previous grade level's AZMerit scores for Math and English Language Arts (ELA)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> English teacher recommendations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Math teacher recommendation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Essay</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Student Expectation Contract</p>	<p><b>Contact Information:</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Donna Natseway  <a href="mailto:dnatseway@fUSD1.org">dnatseway@fUSD1.org</a>            928-773-8265</p> <p><b>Return completed applications to:</b>            MEMS Office            Attn: APEX Academy            3223 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street            Flagstaff, AZ 86004</p>
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# APPLICATION DUE: FEBRUARY 3, 2020

## APEX Academy English Teacher Recommendation

Please give this form to an adult who is not related to the student applicant but has worked with the student in an educational capacity.

### Applicant Information:

Student Name

Current School

Grade Level

### Recommender Information:

Name

Position/Title

Organization

For how long and in what capacity have you known this student?

Recommender: Please complete this application honestly. This student is applying to the APEX Academy at MEMS, which features a rigorous college preparatory course of study. This recommendation will be a major factor in the student's acceptance to the program.

Trait	1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points	Score
Positive role model when working with other students	Never	Sometimes	Often	Usually	Always	
Quality of work	Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent	
Completeness of work	Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent	
Percentage of homework turned in on time	79% or less	80-84%	85-89%	90-94%	95-100%	
Initiative/Self Discipline	Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent	
Attendance (average number of days missed per grading period)	8-9	6-7	4-5	2-3	0-1	
Time on Task in class	79% or less	80-84%	85-89%	90-94%	95-100%	
Time Management	Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent	
<b>TOTAL:</b>						

If there is any other information about this student you would like to share with the selection committee, please add your comments below. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Signature of Recommender \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be submitted with the application  
Math Teacher Recommendation Rubric  
Accelerated Math 6/7 (incoming 6th graders) or 7/8 (incoming 7th graders) at MEMS**

A student not recommended for Accelerated Math can still be accepted to the APEX Academy in the other subjects.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher: Please use the following rubric to determine placement into the Accelerated 6/7 program for current 5<sup>th</sup> graders. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher: Please use the following rubric to determine placement into Accelerated Math 7/8 for current 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

- Placement in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade “high” group does determine placement in Accelerated 6/7 Math.
- Use the rubric to verify that the student does in fact qualify for Accelerated Mathematics.
- There will not be a placement test given.

**\* The first three fluency categories are non-negotiable; this means student must score a 5 in the first three categories to be recommended for accelerated math.**

Trait	1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points	Score
* Can fluently add and subtract within 1,000,000 (4 <sup>th</sup> grade fluency standard)	Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent	
* Are fluent in multi-digit multiplication (5 <sup>th</sup> grade fluency standard)	Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent	
* Can fluently add, subtract, and multiply fractions and mixed number with like and unlike denominators.	Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent	
Perseverance when faced with difficult or unfamiliar problems	Never	Sometimes	Often	Usually	Always	
Flexibility in thinking and approaching math problems	Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent	
Willingness to work through productive struggles	Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent	
Initiative/Self Discipline	Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent	
Attendance (average number of days missed per grading period)	8-9	6-7	4-5	2-3	0-1	
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Signature of Recommender \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be submitted with the application  
APEX Academy at MEMS  
Application: Student Essay**

Student Name

Date

*For each question, write a short essay (150-200 words) in your own handwriting* answering the following questions:

1. Why are you applying to the APEX Academy at MEMS?

2. When you are faced with a challenging academic task that requires you to struggle a bit, what strategies do you use to problem-solve and persevere through that struggle to accomplish the task?

# This form must be submitted with the application

## APEX ACADEMY AT MEMS

### STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

The APEX Academy at MEMS offers a rigorous, comprehensive and well-rounded program to a select group of academically talented students in the middle school community. The APEX Academy instructional team at MEMS is dedicated to ensuring the continued excellence and integrity of this program. The expectation is that students and parents will support the academic goals and policies of the program in which their students are involved.

The instructors in the APEX Academy program, in cooperation with the administration at MEMS, have the right to determine student consequences due to serious breaches of integrity, lapses in attendance, or any other issues that affect the overall quality of the program and the success of individual students in the APEX Academy program.

Students in the APEX Academy at MEMS are required to maintain the following standards and practices:

- **Keep a 3.0 GPA, or a score of a proficient (3 or 4) if standards-based grading is used, in all core academic classes (English, Social Studies, Science and Math).** Each student's progress will be reviewed at the end of each reporting period. Students with unsatisfactory progress will be given time (to the next reporting period) to improve their GPA/proficiency to the required standards. APEX classes are NOT weighted.
- **Show acceptable behavior in class and at all MEMS activities.** Each disciplinary action or referral will be reviewed by the APEX Academy instructional team and consequences will be determined according to the frequency and type of incident referred.
- **Maintain consistent and timely attendance in classes.** APEX Academy students who lose credit in a course due to violation of the MEMS attendance policy will be removed from the academy.
- **Submit original and properly cited work and assignments.** Each student shall submit work free of plagiarism from other sources, including but not exclusive to homework, writing assignments, textbook and the Internet. Students must submit work that is the result of their own efforts and not the efforts of other persons.

Consequences, up to and including removal from the APEX Academy, will be determined by the APEX Academy instructors in conjunction with the administration at MEMS.

**I understand and support these criteria as a necessary part of the APEX Academy.**

(This document will be kept on file within the APEX program and used during review of any situation listed above.)

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

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