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Office of School Counseling and Guidance

JUNIOR UNIVERSITY
Virtual Summer Enrichment Academy
2020



Junior University (JU) is an enrichment program for academically talented middle school students (**rising 6th, 7th, 8th grade students**) offered by the Office of School Counseling and Guidance. JU provides hands-on, engaging academic activities that are aligned with the Virginia Standards of Learning and have an emphasis on critical thinking and problem-solving skills. These classes are geared toward preparing students for the honors and advanced courses they will take in middle school and high school. *Please note that virtual Junior University requires participating students to have access to an electronic device and internet. If there is a need for either, please contact your child's zone school.*

Dates: June 29, 2020 – July 8, 2020 (Monday – Wednesday)
****Please note that JU may be extended to Thursdays based on enrollment.**

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
****Please note that class time may be extended based on enrollment.**

Location: Virtual

Tuition: \$90 for NPS students
\$138 for non-NPS students who reside in Norfolk
\$143 for students who reside outside of Norfolk

Contact: Mrs. April C. Harmon, Senior Coordinator
School Counseling and Guidance, phone 628-3901
or
Mrs. LaToya Highsmith, JU Program Coordinator
Email: lhighsmith@nps.k12.va.us



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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT JUNIOR UNIVERSITY (JU)

1. **Tuition payment must accompany the completed registration form.** If your child is a student of Norfolk Public Schools, please make **checks or money orders** payable to the *Office of School Counseling and Guidance* and return with the registration packet.
2. **Private school/parochial school/home-schooled students who live in the city of Norfolk** must enroll for this program at the school to which they would be assigned if they attended public school. Please make checks payable to the school that they would be assigned if they attended Norfolk Public Schools with attached completed registration form.
3. **Students who reside outside the city of Norfolk** should register by mailing forms to the School Counseling Office, 800 E. City Hall Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23510. Please make checks or money orders payable to Norfolk Public Schools (JU).
4. **The student's home school principal and/or counselor must sign the registration form.** Private or parochial school students and those from out of town should have the signatures of the counselor and principal of their school. **The signatures indicate that the student meets ALL of the admission requirements as follows:**

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Scored 450 or higher on most recent English and Math SOL assessments
- No major discipline infractions*
- Honor Roll for at least 1 quarter of the current school year

(*Students with chronic discipline problems will be removed from Virtual JU. No refunds will be given if a student is removed from the program due to discipline problems.)

5. **Registration deadlines and procedures:** Please submit applications and payment to LaToya Highsmith, JU Coordinator located at Academy for Discovery at Lakewood, 1701 Alsace Ave., Norfolk. Parents will need to schedule an appointment by emailing lhighsmith@nps.k12.va.us. **Appointment days are Tuesdays and Thursdays only from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., June 4 – June 18 (deadline).**
6. **Requests for tuition refunds** must be made prior to **June 29, 2020**. After July 1, 2020, any withdrawal from the program will result in forfeiture of tuition. Please contact the JU Coordinator for refunds.
7. **Confirmations** will be sent to parents of student applicants when the completed registration form is received by the JU Office.
8. During the week of June 22, 2020, information regarding program logistics will be sent to the parents of students who are registered to attend Virtual JU.



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9. If you have any questions about the program, please contact your child's counselor or the **JU Program Coordinator** via email. Contact information is listed on the front page of this application.



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**VIRTUAL JUNIOR UNIVERSITY
REGISTRATION FORM**

June 29 - July 8, 2020
Monday – Wednesday, 9:00 am - 10:30 am
(Tentative)

SCHOOL USE ONLY	
School	_____
Date rec'd:	_____
Tuition rec'd. \$	_____
Tuition paid by: (please check)	
<input type="checkbox"/> parent	<input type="checkbox"/> other (please indicate
from whom: _____)	
Receipt #	_____
Initials:	_____

Please see registration deadlines on page 2.

Please print clearly:

Student's Name:		Student Number:
Last	First	
Address:		
Street	City	Zip Code
Phone Number(s):	Parent's Email address:	
Work-		
Cell -		
Home-		
Student's Current School:	Student's Current Grade Level:	
Parent/Guardian's Signature _____		Date _____
<i>THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT'S SCHOOL COUNSELOR/PRINCIPAL</i>		
Student meets the following criteria (please check all that apply):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Scored 450 or higher on most recent English and Math SOL Tests		
<input type="checkbox"/> No major discipline infractions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Honor Roll for at least 1 quarter of current school year		

I recommend this student to participate in Junior University 2020.		

Counselor/Principal's Signature: _____		Date _____



JUNIOR UNIVERSITY 2020 Frequently Asked Questions FAQs

What classes are offered at JU?

Students attending Junior University will be taking the following classes: **Math Exploration, “Hands-On Home” Science (including Forensic Science), College & Career Readiness (preparation, exploration, and planning) and Theater.**

Who can apply?

Students who will be in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th during the 2020-2021 school year must meet the following requirements in order to apply:

- (1) Scored 450 or higher on his/her most recent English and math SOL.
- (2) No major discipline infractions.
- (3) Honor Roll for at least 1 quarter of the current school year.
- (4) Counselor/Principal recommendation.

How do students apply?

A student interested in attending Junior University can obtain an application from his/her School Counselor. The student must return his/her completed and signed (by parent/guardian) application to JU Coordinator by the stated deadline.

How much does JU cost?

Junior University is \$90 for Norfolk Public Schools students. There is a fee of \$138 for students who do not attend Norfolk Public Schools but reside in Norfolk and a fee of \$143 for students who do *NOT* reside in Norfolk.

Can students who do not attend Norfolk Public Schools apply to JU?

Yes, students who do not attend Norfolk Public Schools can apply to JU. See prior question for fees.

Where is Junior University?

JU will take place virtually.

Who teaches at JU?

JU employs experienced teachers that are highly recommended by their principals and subject area coordinators. Some of the instructors have been named “Teacher of the Year” in their respective schools and/or have been recipients of Norfolk Public Schools’ “Inspiration Award” or “School Bell”. Many of the teachers that are currently on staff have been teaching in Norfolk Public Schools and at Junior University for many years. Teachers will be engaging students through some hands-on lessons and activities that will not require supervision. However, there maybe one or two lessons for Science that may require some prep time the night before class.