

Assignment of Students to Schools

Middle School Placement Guidelines

1. Students in the Ashland School District have access to three different options at the middle school level; Ashland Middle School, Willow Wind Community Learning Center, and John Muir Elementary School (K-8).
2. Parents may apply for entry into John Muir Elementary School at grades K-8. Students are admitted on a space available basis, and a lottery is held if more students apply than can be accommodated.
3. Willow Wind Community Learning Center is a district sponsored alternative program that provides both full and part time programming for students. The full time program, Parents as Partners, is available to students in grades K-8. Participation in the program is governed by Oregon Department of Education, and an administrative review is required before students are accepted into the program. The administrative review is to ensure that the needs of the student are matched with the alternative program being provided. After this review, students are admitted on a space available basis, and a lottery is held if more eligible students apply than can be accommodated. The part time program is an alternative program to support home-schooled students and families. Admission is on a space available basis.
4. Students interested in attending either John Muir or Willow Wind must apply for admission following the guidelines outlined on their respective websites. These guidelines are updated as needed to reflect the changing needs of those programs.
5. Middle school aged students that have been accepted to either Willow Wind or John Muir in the spring must declare their intent to enroll in the program by April 30. Continuing students at both programs must also commit to continuing their attendance by April 30. Once this intent has been filed, students are expected to attend the program for a full school year beginning in the following fall. If families subsequently decide they wish to enroll in Ashland Middle School, this request will not be automatically granted, and will be subject to an administrative review.