

Student Selection and Transportation

Attendance Area — The primary attendance area for Galileo is that part of Joint School District No. 2 north of Chinden Blvd. and west of Cloverdale. Students living outside of this attendance area may attend if space is available.

Admission — In case there are more students registered than there are spaces available, seats are filled by lottery.

Preference is given to siblings of students already enrolled. Once a student is admitted, they are guaranteed their seat from year to year as long as they remain in the district.

Transportation — Bus transportation is provided for students residing in the primary attendance area by shuttle busses from their home school .

Transportation from outside of the primary attendance area is not provided.



School Size

- Grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- 2 classrooms for grade K.
2 morning and 2 afternoon sessions.
- 4 classrooms each of grades 1-3.
- 3 classrooms each of grades 4-8.
- Class sizes will be 22 students grades K-3 and 30 students grades 4-8.

Galileo is a true K-8 school. It is not an elementary and a separate middle school residing under the same roof.

It is our mission to foster a family relationship among all students at Galileo where the older students mentor and nurture the younger students.

There is an active outreach program that will involve local community and business in science and math learning opportunities for the students of Galileo.



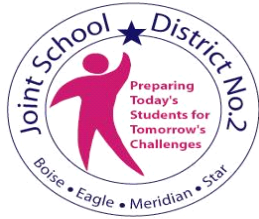
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**Mission Statement—
Galileo, a community
of explorers
discovering their
unlimited potential.**



At Galileo our vision is to encourage students to be their best by...

- Promoting a collaborative, safe, learning community.
- Developing and accepting responsibility for personal growth.
- Fostering leadership through service.
- Unleashing unlimited potential through innovative relevant learning.
- Empowering critical thinkers through active engagement.
- Challenging exploration of the great unknown.

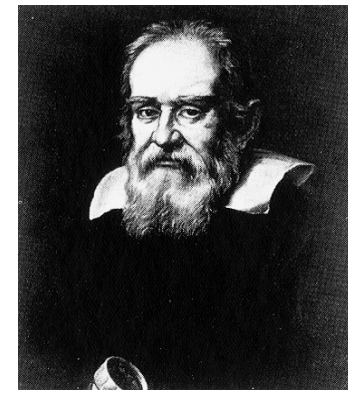


Galileo K-8 Math and Science Magnet School

Galileo Math and Science Magnet School opened its doors in the fall of 2007, offering students in grades K-8 a project based learning opportunity in math and science. The grade level professionals at Galileo team together to provide an educational atmosphere in which the student receives a very rigorous academic curriculum. The project based instruction at Galileo is student centered and incorporates a hands-on approach to laboratory-based experiments. Project Based Learning requires students to work cooperatively in groups and/or independently to complete experiments and projects which are then presented in writing and/or orally. The students at Galileo respond to instruction by feeding back information and then actively use the knowledge gained to explore, negotiate, interpret and create. The instruction at Galileo includes more technical writing and non-fiction reading than in most schools. As students construct solutions in math and science, they shift their emphasis toward the process of learning. As they learn scientific methodology and mathematical thinking, the students apply these skills to all areas of learning.

Application Schedule

- There is no entrance criteria. Enrollment is by application and lottery.
- Magnet applications for Galileo will be available at Galileo or on-line at www.meridianschools.org by January 15, 2009.
- Letters of intent to return to Galileo for the 2009-2010 school year will be sent out to students currently attending Galileo on February 2, 2009.
- Letters of intent to return must be received by Galileo **no earlier** than February 2, 2009 and **no later** than February 16, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.
- Lottery applications must be received by Galileo **no earlier** than January 15, 2009 and **no later** than February 27, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.
- The lottery will take place on March 13, 2009, at the District Service Center, 1303 East Central Drive, Meridian, ID 83642.
- All Galileo Magnet applicants will be notified of their acceptance to Galileo or placement on the wait list by March 20, 2009.
- Parents must notify Galileo of their acceptance or rejection of the seat(s) they are offered at Galileo by April 3, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.
- If parents do not notify Galileo of their acceptance in writing by April 3, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., **rejection** is assumed and the seat is offered to another student.



What Will Be Taught At Galileo

- Math and science education will be integrated across subject areas whenever possible.
- Project based math and science units of study will bring real life applications to learning.
- Engineering will be a part of the curriculum for grades K-8.
- The educational focus for math will be on teaching students to think mathematically.
- The educational focus for science will be on getting students to think like scientists.
- All state content standards in all curriculum areas are taught using the curriculum at Galileo.

For Further Information

Visit the district web site at www.meridianschools.org and look under Elementary Schools—Galileo Math and Science Magnet School and/or Magnet Schools