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FCPS' Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Offers Admission to 483 Students

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) has offered admission to 483 students for the Class of 2020 at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST).

A total of 2,868 students applied for admission. Approximately 71 percent of the students offered admission reside in Fairfax County and 29 percent are from Arlington, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties and the City of Falls Church. Approximately 92 percent of students offered admission are currently attending public schools.

Established in 1985, TJHSST is a governor's school offering a comprehensive college preparatory program emphasizing the sciences, mathematics, and technology. Specialized technical laboratories, including a technological computational center, enhance the academic curriculum and provide students with experience in state-of-the-art technology, opportunities for independent research and experimentation, and interaction with professionals from the scientific, technological, engineering, and industrial communities.

The selection process for admittance to TJHSST involves a holistic review of each candidate's semifinalist-applicant essay, teacher recommendations, and student-authored information sheet, as well as consideration of grades and test scores on the admissions examination. As always, a summer round of admissions for eighth graders newly moved to a participating district after September 30 of the previous year will add to the 483 offers at the end of June.

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Note: For more information, contact the TJHSST Admissions Office at 571-423-3770.

TJHSST Admissions Statistics for Class of 2020

	Applicants	Percent	Admitted	Percent
Gender				
Male	1,567	54.6%	290	60.0%
Female	1,301	45.4%	193	40.0%
Total	2,868		483	
Ethnic				
White	769	26.8%	100	20.7%
Black	200	7.0%	8	1.7%

Hispanic	219	7.6%	11	2.3%
Asian	1,518	52.9%	335	69.4%
Multiracial/Other*	162	5.6%	29	6.0%
Total	2,868		483	
School Type				
Public	2,701	94.2%	446	92.3%
Private/Home	167	5.8%	37	7.7%
Total	2,868		483	
Reduced Fee or Waived Fee Paid	333	11.6%	10	2.1%

* This category includes students who checked "Multiracial" on their application and/or students whose ethnic designation numbered ten or fewer.