



JOHN L. ORY

COMMUNICATION ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

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Reserve, LA 70084

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We are ORY! We are 'A'LIVE!

Joining together to create a love for learning while treating others with respect

February 3, 2026

Dear Interested Parent:

Thank you for your interest in John L. Ory Communication Arts Magnet School. We believe that our school offers the kindergarten through 8th grade students of St. John the Baptist Parish a quality education. Our school teaches a curriculum where students learn through the communication skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Only residents of St. John the Baptist Parish are eligible to apply. There is no academic requirement to enter the lottery or for acceptance into the school.

Applications are being accepted online for admission to our school for the 2026-2027 school year from February 3, 2026 - April 21, 2026, at noon. Applications will not be accepted, and the online site will no longer be available after this date. The list of all students' names that will be entered into the lottery selection will be available beginning April 7, 2026. This will allow parents the opportunity to ensure their child will be entered into the lottery in the correct grade and that their ethnicity has been correctly entered.

Students will be selected using a lottery software program on April 28, 2026. All kindergarten applications will be selected and either accepted for admission or placed on a waiting list. The applications for all other prospective students in grades 1-8 will be selected and placed on a waiting list for acceptance to be determined based on vacancies per grade level at the end of the school year or summer school.

Visit <http://www.oryapplicant.net> to apply to enter the lottery selection and review the procedures followed for the Lottery process. After your child is accepted into Ory, you will be required to submit all **supporting documentation** by Friday, July 3, 2026.

FOR ALL SIBLINGS: Siblings must submit **BOTH** an online application and the **supporting documentation**. First, submit an online application. **After applying online, a copy of the confirmation receipt must be attached to this supporting documentation and submitted to the school office by April 21, 2026.** In addition, the child's name on the application must match the name on their Birth Certificate and Social Security Card. The names on the proof of residence must match the parent/guardian's name(s) listed on the application.

Supporting Documentation

- ✓ Birth Certificate
- ✓ Immunization Record
- ✓ Social Security Card
- ✓ Marriage License (stepchildren)
- ✓ 1st and 2nd nine weeks report card (grades 1-8 only)
- ✓ 2 Proofs of Residence proving St. John the Baptist Parish residency
 - Accepted proofs of residence include, but not limited to:
 - Utility bill (gas, water, electricity)
 - Landline phone bill (cell phone not accepted)
 - Voter Registration card
 - Lease

We invite you to learn more about our school and appreciate your interest in having your child attend John L. Ory. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office. We look forward to meeting you and your child personally.

Sincerely,

Gillian King-Hughes, Principal