

# Oak Park School District

## Student Spaceflight Experiment Program (SSEP) Mission 18

### Mission Patch Contest – OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM



## Calling all Creative Minds!

- Join the Oak Park School District's Quest for the Stars!
- Design the Official Mission Patch to be sent to space!

Mission patches have been part of human spaceflight since the days of Project Mercury in the 1960s. The SSEP Mission Patch competition therefore allows communities to engage in another authentic aspect of the space program, and broadens SSEP to be more appropriately designated as a STEAM education initiative – Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. These patches will be flown to the International Space Station (ISS).

### Contest Details:

**Theme: "Exploring New Horizons"**

**Deadline: February 2, 2024**

### How to Participate:

1. **Open to All Students:** From GSRP to High School with two categories, GSRP – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade.
2. **Create Your Patch:** Unleash your creativity in the 3.5-inch by 3.5-inch canvas provided on this sheet.
3. **Submit Your Design:** Drop off your masterpiece with your teacher or at the office by **February 2, 2024**. Don't forget to include your name, grade, and school on the back.

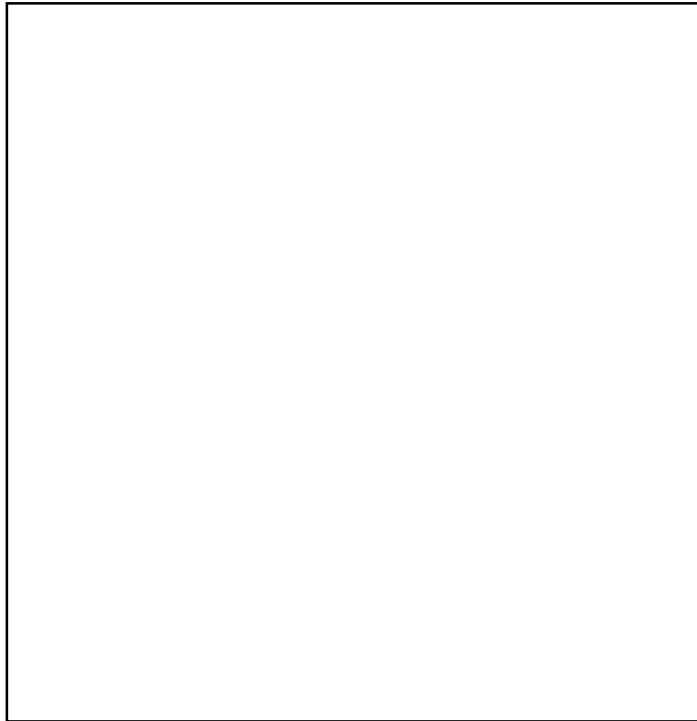
### Examples of Past Mission Patches



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#### Prizes Await:

**1st Place:** Your design becomes the official Oak Park School District NASA Mission Patch, a framed copy of your patch, and a special recognition ceremony and a cosmic goodie bag.

**2nd Place:** A framed copy of your patch and a certificate of achievement and a cosmic goodie bag.

**3rd Place:** A certificate of achievement and a cosmic goodie bag.

#### Guidelines for Design:

- 1. Incorporate School Spirit:** Use colors and symbols that represent Oak Park School District.
- 2. Celestial Elements:** Stars, the ISS, planets, and galaxies—let your imagination soar!
- 3. Innovation:** Showcase our district's commitment to education and progress.

#### Get Inspired, Get Creative, Get Involved!

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