



Bellwether School

Admissions Process



School Tour and/or Parent Open House

- Learn more about the programs and see the school
- Hear from the Head of School and our teachers, and ask questions
- *Optional*

Application for Admission

- Indicates your desire to enroll your child in our school
- Includes \$50 application fee
- Applications can be downloaded from our website
- Mid-year applications are accepted and will be considered if space is available in a particular program.

Classroom Visit

- A time for your child to experience life in a Bellwether classroom and for you to observe the style and feel of the classroom and its teachers.
- An opportunity for our teachers to meet and learn more about your child.
- During the Visit, your child will receive an informal assessment to determine developmental readiness.

Preschool (ages 3 & 4)

- Applicants for Preschool must be 3 years old by Sept 1 of the entering year.
- Classroom Visits are typically 1 hour in the morning (8:45-9:45am)

Primary (K/1st grade)

- Applicants for Kindergarten must be 5 years old by Sept 1 of the entering year.
- Classroom Visits are typically 1 hour in the morning (8:30-9:30am)

Elementary I & II (grades 2 - 6)

- Classroom Visits are either half or full day (8am-12:30 or 2:30pm).
- Applicants will follow the schedule of the program they are visiting.
- At times, a student may be invited back for a 2nd Visit in order for us to gain a better sense of the student.

Admissions Decisions

- Upon determination that space is available in a given class and the school feels it can meet the needs of a prospective student, notification of acceptance is mailed and includes an *Invitation Letter, Enrollment Agreement, Tuition & Fees Policy* and, if funds are still available, an *Application for Tuition Assistance*.
- Observations and assessment of the applicant, information from former teachers, and the completed application are taken into consideration.
- A variety of other factors are considered such as gender, age, and learning styles, in order to configure classes that are well-balanced and diverse.

Enrollment

- Takes place when all fees and tuition agreements have been received by school.