

## Admission Policy and Procedures

### AGE POLICY

Nursery, Kindergarten, First Grade

A student seeking admission to the nursery must turn three by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of enrollment. Four and five year olds are in a mixed-age Kindergarten. A student seeking admission to the first grade must have reached age six no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of enrollment. Please note: the faculty has found that many children who turn six in June and July are not fully ready for first grade and benefit tremendously by continuing one more year in the Children's Garden program. The faculty carefully assesses the readiness of all applicants for first grade.

### Grades 2-8

A child transferring from another school should have reached the appropriate birthday by August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of enrollment to that grade. However, exceptions are sometimes made for children who reach the appropriate birthday by October 1<sup>st</sup>, depending on the grades already completed and the emotional, physical and academic progress of the child.

### ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The instructions below should guide you through the admissions process. We encourage you to visit the school during an Open House or school tour, a valuable experience to help you learn about our program.

- Return the completed application along with the \$50 application fee. Applications received after February 1<sup>st</sup> are accepted and processed on a rolling basis provided space is available. Early application is highly recommended.
- Submit the enclosed signed Transcript Release form and the Common Referral form with their envelope to your child's current school or daycare so that records can be forwarded to the Waldorf School of Baltimore Admissions Office.
- A Parent Admissions Interview will be arranged.
- A Student Admissions Visit will be arranged.
- Preschool, Kindergarten, & First Grade applicants are evaluated by members of our faculty during school hours. The visit includes teacher directed activities to evaluate cognitive/social, language and physical development.
- Applicants to grades 2-8 visit for two full days in their current grade level or with their appropriate age group. During their visit, they will meet with a teacher for an academic assessment.
- For students applying to grades 6 through 12, ISEE results must be submitted by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Test dates and sites may be viewed on-line at [www.erbtest.org](http://www.erbtest.org) and selecting ISEE Student Guide. The Waldorf School of Baltimore code is 211171, and application may be also be made on-line.
- Parents are notified by mail of the admission decision beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### FINANCIAL AID

The Waldorf School of Baltimore offers a financial aid program to provide partial assistance to families with financial need. Be sure to indicate on your Application for Admission that you wish to receive the financial aid application. Financial Aid information and applications are available on-line at our school website in December [www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org](http://www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org). Upon request to the Finance Office, applications can also be mailed in December. ***The deadline for returning financial aid applications is January 4th.*** Families will be notified in mid-March of the financial aid awards.

### NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Waldorf School of Baltimore does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin in the administration of its education program, admissions and financial aid policies, employment practices and school administered programs.