



## ADMISSION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

### AGE POLICIES

#### Transitional Nursery, Nursery, Kindergarten

A student seeking admission to the:

- Transitional Nursery program must be 2 ½ to 3 ½ years old.
- Mixed-age Nursery program must be 3 to 4 ½ years old by August 1 of the year of enrollment.
- Mixed-age Kindergarten must be 4 ½ to 6 by August 1 of the year of enrollment.

#### Grade 1:

Students seeking admission to the first grade must be six years by August 1, of the year of enrollment. However, the faculty has found that many children who turn six in June and July are not fully ready for first grade and can 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:

Students transferring from another school should reach the appropriate birthday by August 1, of the year of enrollment to that grade. Exceptions are sometimes made for children who reach the appropriate birthday by October 1, depending on the grades already completed and the emotional, physical and academic progress of the child.

### ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The instructions below are a guide through the admissions process. Please visit the school during an Open House or school tour; it is 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 are accepted and processed on a rolling basis. Early application is highly recommended.
- Submit and sign the enclosed **Transcript Release Form** and **Common Referral Form** along with the envelope, to your child's current school or daycare, so that records can be forwarded to the Waldorf School of Baltimore.
- Parent admissions interview scheduled.
- Student admissions visit scheduled.
- Preschool, Kindergarten, and First Grade applicants are evaluated by members of our faculty during school hours. The visit includes teacher directed activities designed to evaluate cognitive, social, language, and physical development.
- Applicants to Grades 2–8 visit for two 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.
- Applicants to Grades 6 – 12 must submit ISEE results by February 1. Information about registration, test dates, and test sites are available at [erbttest.org](http://erbttest.org). The Waldorf School of Baltimore code is 211171.
- Parents are notified by mail of the admissions decisions beginning February 15.

### FINANCIAL AID

The Waldorf School of Baltimore offers partial assistance to families with financial need. Please indicate on your Application for Admission that you wish to apply for financial aid. Complete information can be found on our website. All financial aid requests are processed through [TADS tuitionaid.com/parents/default.asp](http://TADS.tuitionaid.com/parents/default.asp). Worksheets and applications can be downloaded [waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org/admissions/main/admissions/applications.cfm](http://waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org/admissions/main/admissions/applications.cfm). The deadline for financial aid applications is January 4. Families are notified mid-March of financial aid awards.

### NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

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