



## GRADE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

To begin the process of discovering what is unique about the Lake Champlain Waldorf School, we invite you to explore our website. You can then attend an Open House or an Observation Morning, or you can call the Admissions Office to schedule a tour of the school and a one-on-one conversation with the Admissions Director.

Next, you can submit a completed application including:

- \$50 non-refundable application fee (check can be made out to LCWS)
- a recent photo of your child
- previous school records and all student evaluations and testing reports
- parent portion of the application (and student portion for grades 6–8)
- two teacher recommendations (grades 6–8)

If you are applying for financial aid, please fill out the SSS application along with your school application before February 1 for the following school year. (See Financial Aid Information.) If you are applying for first grade, your child must be six years old by June 1 of that school year. In the case of a student transferring from another school into the elementary grades, class placement depends on grades already completed and the academic, developmental and social progress of the child.

After receiving your completed application, the Admissions Director will contact you. We will schedule a two-day visit for your child (with the exception of students applying to the first grade) during which time an educational assessment is scheduled. If you are applying for first grade, we will schedule an educational assessment for your child. The assessment helps us gather the information we need to ensure our school will meet the needs of your student and that he or she is applying for the appropriate class. We will also schedule an interview with you, the class teacher and the Admissions Director. This interview helps the teacher gain a full picture of your child and helps you learn more about the class and the curriculum.

We will notify you of our decision within two weeks of the completed admissions process. Within two weeks of acceptance, you can enroll your student by submitting a signed enrollment agreement and a \$100 nonrefundable tuition deposit.

## POLICIES

Parents should be in agreement with and supportive of the school's philosophy and understand the basic tenets of Waldorf education. For a child to gain the most benefit from his or her education, it is important that parents support the work teachers are doing at school. Lake Champlain Waldorf School considers every new enrollment conditional for the first ten weeks of attendance. This probationary period is for the school to ensure that it is the appropriate educational setting for the student.

Our school is designed to meet the needs of children with a moderate range of developmental needs. We are happy to meet with families to assess whether we are able to meet the needs of any children with special requirements.

When our school classes are full, we start a waiting pool. We consider the order in which the applications are received, if the student has a sibling already enrolled in the school, if the student's parent is a teacher in the school, and if the student is transferring from another Waldorf school.

Our school seeks to develop a culturally and economically diverse student body. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual preference or national origin in its admissions policies, or in the conduct of educational, recreational, athletic or financial aid programs.

The Lake Champlain Waldorf School prepares students to become creative and independent thinkers able to impart purpose and direction to their lives and to meet the world and their fellow human beings with wisdom, courage and compassion.

The Lake Champlain Waldorf School offers:

- An early childhood through high school education that inspires students to think clearly, feel deeply and act purposefully;
- A rigorous curriculum in the classical academics, the practical, fine and performing arts, physical and outdoor education and service learning;
- A partnership between teachers and parents that nourishes the well being of the students;
- Educational and cultural events and activities for adult community members;
- An approach that affirms the physical, soul and spiritual life of all human beings.

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