

ENROLLMENT LOTTERY APPLICATION INFORMATION 2024-2025

Thank you for your interest in Shade Canyon School, a tuition-free, transitional kindergarten through third grade public charter school.

Free application and free admission to Shade Canyon School is open to any student residing in California who wishes to attend. Shade Canyon is accepting applications for Transitional Kindergarten (TK), Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third Grade for the 2023-24 school year.

Shade Canyon School is guided by the core principles of Public Waldorf Education as listed on our website under CURRICULUM. This century-old method of pedagogy is well-proven but quite different from mainstream public education. We hope you have taken the time to read our website and liked what you saw. We would love to have your family join our community!

KINDERGARTEN AGE REQUIREMENTS

Shade Canyon offers two kindergarten programs; applicants will be entered into the lottery for the kindergarten program that corresponds with his or her date of birth. Please ask Miss Birdie for clarification as needed: birdie@shadecanyon.org

Kindergarten Programs

Date of birth

2-year Kindergarten, including TK

June 2, 2019 - June 2, 2020

1-year Kindergarten

June 2, 2018 - June 1, 2019

GRADE BIRTHDATE RANGE

Grade

Date of birth

Grade 1

June 2, 2017 - June 1, 2018

Grade 2

June 2, 2016 - June 1, 2017

Grade 3

June 2, 2015 - June 1, 2016

LOTTERY PROCESS

If the number of students who wish to attend the School exceeds the School's capacity, enrollment shall be determined by a public random drawing (enrollment lottery). *Education Code* Section 47605(d) (2)(A) and (B). In other words, the School does not permit selection of

students based upon the order in which applications are received. "First come, first served" is not allowed. The School also generates waitlists from students not admitted through its public random drawings.

OPEN APPLICATION WINDOW: January 18 – March 15, 2024

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 15, 2024, 12 pm

LOTTERY DATE: March 16, 2024

ENROLLMENT PRIORITY

A student may qualify for enrollment priority, a condition that gives the student a higher preference for admission. The student's enrollment priority status must be indicated on the *Enrollment Lottery Application*. Enrollment priorities include:

1. Students who are children of Shade Canyon Founding Parents identified in the initial charter, teachers and staff (up to a cap of 10% of enrollment)
2. Siblings of students admitted to or attending Shade Canyon School
3. Students who are children or grandchildren of current Board members
4. Students who have been attending any grade TK-8 at a Waldorf or Waldorf-inspired school for the majority of at least one school year immediately prior to desired attendance at Shade Canyon.
5. Students who are currently enrolled in or who reside in the Kelseyville Elementary School boundaries (for purposes of the SB 740 Charter School Facility Grant Program)
6. Students who reside in the Kelseyville Unified School District
7. All other applicants

Note: If there is a change in your student's enrollment priority status before the time of the lottery, or post-lottery while on the waitlist, **it is the applicant's responsibility to notify the school of that change.**

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

After your application is received, you will be asked to provide one of the following documents with a parent/guardian name on it in order for the application to be considered complete. Only complete applications are entered into the public random drawing (lottery).

- Original and complete PG&E or other utility statement within past 30 days;
- Current rental agreement with landlord contact information (rental amounts may be obscured);
- Current year property tax statement (tax amount may be obscured).

Special cases:

Proof of residency is not required for homeless students in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 and *Education Code* Section 48850. Contact Miss Birdie for more information: birdie@shadecanyon.org

ENROLLMENT LOTTERY NOTIFICATION

Shade Canyon School will notify parent/guardian by email within two weeks of the public random drawing when the student is admitted or placed on the waitlist.

PROCESS FOR PARENT RESPONSE TO AN OFFER OF ADMISSION

The parent/guardian of the successful applicant **must reply to the invitation to enroll within seven business days** of the postmark on the written notification. **If the parent/guardian does not reply by the seven-day deadline, the applicant will be considered to have “declined” and will lose his or her place in the class or on the waitlist.**

Note: The parent/guardian may apply to the school for an exception to the seven-day reply deadline under extreme extenuating circumstances. Documentation may be required. Contact Miss Birdie: birdie@shadecanyon.org

WAITLIST RULES

1. Waitlists are generated only from students entered into public random drawings.
2. Waitlists are established only following public random drawings.
3. Waitlists are established only after a class has reached capacity.
4. A student may be ranked on only one grade level waitlist at a time.
5. Waitlisted applicants rise or fall when a higher-ranking applicant is withdrawn or added to the list.
6. Waitlisted applicants forfeit sibling preference points when the sibling withdraws from Shade Canyon School.
7. Waitlisted applicants gain sibling preference points when a sibling is admitted to Shade Canyon School.

8. When an offer of admission from the waitlist is declined, the applicant is removed from the waitlist.
9. Waitlisted applicants may be contacted to confirm their continued interest in staying on the waitlist.
10. Waitlists **do not** carry over from year to year. Waitlists are dissolved immediately prior to the first open enrollment window for the subsequent academic year. A new enrollment lottery application may be submitted for the subsequent academic year and will be processed with all others received for the public random drawing.
11. If there is a change in the applicant's enrollment priority status, it is the applicant's responsibility to notify the school of that change with a written request and proof of changed status. The status on the waitlist will be adjusted accordingly.
12. If there is a change in the applicant's contact information (telephone, email, address) it is the applicant's responsibility to notify the school of that change.