



The Community School

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Application for Admission

Applying for admission beginning _____

Student Name _____ Birth Date _____

Parent Information

Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

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Address _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Current School & Activities and Information

School Name _____ Your Grade _____

Favorite Subject _____ Why? _____

Special awards or achievements _____

Clubs, sports, or extracurricular activities _____

Hobbies _____

Work and/or community service _____

For the Parents: we want to be sure that your goals and hopes for your child are understood by our admissions committee, and that your family has a clear picture of who we are and what we offer. Please give as much detail as you can, toward this end.

1. Describe your child as a learner.
2. Are there aspects of your child's learning style or personality that you think will be particularly suited to our philosophy and practice at The Community School?
3. Please share areas of growth, academic and social, you hope for your child.
4. Over the years, it's become clear to us that the student who flourishes at The Community School is one who is curious, kind, self-directed, and positive. Give examples of how your child expresses these attributes.
5. Our small school depends on parent involvement, not only to ensure strong communication between faculty, staff and home, but also for fundraising, traveling, and more. How might you see yourself involved at school?

For the Student: Help us to learn more about you! Use as much detail as you can when answering these questions, even if they're hard. The admissions committee will carefully read your responses, so they can really get to know you. If you use a computer to write your answers, please retype each question. Feel free to add paper, as needed.

1. Why do you want to come to The Community School? We want to know what we offer that interests you, not what other places don't offer.
2. At The Community School, we spend a lot of time outside: for daily physical activity, hiking, working in the forest and gardens, for different classes, and even camping out. How do you feel about going outside, especially in terms of doing work or playing outdoors.
3. We are a small, close-knit school and it's very important that we all build the skills necessary in getting along, whether that means being able to solve problems, working with someone you may not like very much, or being supportive of others. What is your greatest strength in terms of being a member of our community? What will be the hardest thing for you, in terms of being a member of a small community?
4. Where do you see yourself going in life? Please share a dream you have for your future.
5. Finish the sentence: *The idea of planting 500 pounds of potatoes...*

Student, rate yourself using the following: 1 = no way! 3 = sometimes. 5 = absolutely me!

I am physically adventurous _____

I am comfortable and enjoy being outdoors _____

Traveling overnight, for a day or a week, sounds fun _____

Math is easy for me _____

People say I have a positive attitude _____

I am sensitive to other people's moods and needs _____

I would like to go to college _____

I like to get to know new people _____

If I have to leave my cell phone or laptop at home, it's ok _____

Reading is the best thing ever! _____

I like to help people _____

I have strong organization skills _____

I learn best by doing things _____

People tell me I am a good listener _____

I try not to talk about other people behind their backs _____

I would like to learn how to use mediation to solve problems _____

I love going to school each day _____

I have many talents I'd like to share with others _____

Cooking and eating are fun; I like to try many foods _____

Create 3 more sentences and then rate yourself:

1.

2.

3.

For the Student: Almost done! Just a few more questions.

6. What's the last book you read? When?

7. In a few sentences, respond to this quote:

I think tolerance and acceptance and love...feed every community.
--Lady Gaga

8. Have you ever been in trouble in school? Tell us a little bit about this.

9. Over the years, it's become clear to us that the student who flourishes at The Community School is one who is curious, kind, self-directed, and positive. Share how these words describe you.

Supplemental Materials

The following are important parts of our admission process. They help us to see you through others' eyes. Please submit:

- **All written parts of this application.**
- **Recommendations from three teachers**--your English teacher, math teacher, and another teacher, coach, or adult friend of your choice, using the forms in this packet.
- **A recommendation from your guidance counselor, assistant principal or principal** on the enclosed form.
- **Examples of work that show particular skill, passion or interest in a certain area.** This could be a collection of writing, art, photography, a recording of music you've made, etc. (portfolio will be returned to you).
- **Your current school transcript** (use the form in this packet to request transcript from your school).
- **\$25 application fee** (check can be made to The Community School).

Application Process

While our application process is individualized, in many ways, to each student, here are the typical steps:

1. Parent(s) and prospective student visit TCS, taking a tour during the school day with members of our admissions committee. They then sit down for an informal conversation with our Director of Education.
2. The prospective student schedules 2-5 days (not necessarily consecutive) to attend full school days with us, getting to know our routines and expectations as we get to know him or her.
3. All supplemental materials should be filled out, by parent(s), prospective student, and recommenders.
4. Once all supplemental materials have been received and reviewed by committee members, and the prospective student has spent time with us here at school, we will schedule and admissions interview.
5. Student and family will be notified of acceptance within 2 days of the interview.
6. A \$500 tuition deposit is due upon acceptance.