



## **Lirio Montessori Enrollment and Admissions**

### **Admissions Policy**

Lirio Montessori is an affiliate of Minnesota Wildflower Montessori School, a tuition free public charter school serving grades K-8. Three and four year olds at Lirio Montessori may apply for admission to the fee-based preschool program. Children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1 of the school year, may apply for admission to the tuition free Kindergarten program.

### **Open Enrollment period**

Lirio Montessori admits students to its tuition free Kindergarten annually. The Open Enrollment period for the 2019/2020 school year is from January 18th, 2019 to February 19th 2019. Open Enrollment is determined by the Teacher Leaders using the advice process and will determine the enrollment period, annually with enough time to allow families to plan appropriately for the following year.

### **Preference**

As outlined in MN Statute 124E.11 enrollment preference for Lirio Montessori's kindergarten program must be given to siblings of students currently enrolled in Lirio Montessori's kindergarten program, foster children of parents of enrolled kindergarten children, and children of school employees.

Students who are enrolled in Lirio Montessori's fee based preschool program do not receive enrollment preference for kindergarten and must submit an enrollment application as any other student would.

### **Lottery (Kindergarten only)**

If more kindergarten enrollment applications are received during the Open Enrollment period than available openings, students will be admitted by lottery, with preference given to siblings of enrolled kindergarten students, foster children of parents of enrolled in kindergarten, and children of school employees. To be included in the lottery, guardians must apply before the deadline set by the school's site advisory council. Any students who are not enrolled will be placed on a waitlist. If openings become available, they will be offered to families on the waitlist in the order they appeared on the list.



### **First Come First Served (Kindergarten only)**

If the Open Enrollment period ends and there are still openings for enrollment, those seats will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis for children whose guardians submit completed application in the order those applications are received. Once all openings for are filled, any child whose guardian submits a complete application will be placed on the Waitlist in the order in which their application was received.

### **Kindergarten Transition**

Families who opt not to continue to enroll their child in Lirio Montessori for Kindergarten, or who are unable to obtain a seat in Kindergarten due to a competitive lottery process, will receive educational materials and coaching from Lirio Montessori teacher leaders regarding how to support their child in the transition to a new school environment. Parents will be invited to a one-on-one conference to discuss their Kindergarten plans and their child's unique needs and development. This conference will be an extension of the ongoing, close relationship between parents and teachers described elsewhere throughout this proposal.

A kindergartener is a child who has turned five years of age by September 1 of the school year. If a family submits a kindergarten application for a four-year-old, the family must request an evaluation by the school staff when the child's application is drawn in the lottery. We will use a comprehensive evaluation that will be used to help determine the child's cognitive, social and emotional development and the child's ability to meet kindergarten grade expectations, and will be aligned with state kindergarten expectations. We will also utilize a parent report and teacher observation of the child's knowledge, skills and abilities. This will all be documented in official board policy and posted on our website.

### **Non-Discrimination statement**

Per MWMS articles of incorporation, Lirio Montessori shall admit to the school, students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. No child may or will be denied admission to [Site Name] on the basis of gender, religion, ethnicity, or intellectual or physical ability as required by statute. Students from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

### **Legal References**

Minnesota Statute Sections [124E.11](#) and [363A.13](#)