

## EARLY CHILDHOOD ADMISSION PROCEDURE

### Get to Know Us

Our Early Childhood Tours provide a wonderful introduction to Waldorf education. After a brief classroom observation, one of our teachers will give an overview of our unique approach to early education. This will be followed by time for questions and discussion.

### **Early Childhood Tours, 9:00 – 10:00**

Wednesday, November 13

Tuesday, December 3

Wednesday, January 15 (snow date: Jan 22)

Tuesday, February 4 (snow date: Feb 5)

Tuesday, April 14

Adults only. To register: [admissions@mainecoastwaldorf.org](mailto:admissions@mainecoastwaldorf.org) or 207-865-3900, Ext. 103.

### Apply for Admission

We encourage families interested in the 2020-21 school year to complete applications by **January 31, 2020**. We will consider later applications until the classes are fully enrolled.

1. Request a copy or download our admission application forms from our website.
2. Mail completed application forms, along with the \$40 application fee (check made payable to Maine Coast Waldorf School), to: Admissions, Maine Coast Waldorf School, 57 Desert Road, Freeport, ME 04032.
3. Where applicable, request a teacher reference from your child's current/previous school (request or download Early Childhood Teacher Reference form).
4. Our visiting time/dates for applicants are **11:00 on Friday, January 31, Thursday, February 6, and Thursday, February 13**. When we have your application form and, if applicable, a teacher reference, we will contact you to schedule a visit on one of these dates.
5. Your application is considered complete when all of the above steps are accomplished.

### 2019-20 Tuition (2020-21 Tuition will be set in January)

8:30 – 12:00:	5 days	\$9,925	3 days	\$6,260	2 days	\$4,725
8:30 – 3:00:	5 days	\$15,670	3 days	\$9,400	2 days	\$6,250

### Tuition Payment Plans

Plan A: Paid annually: 100% by June 1

Plan B: Paid semi-annually: 50% by June 1 and 50% by November 1

Plan C: Paid in 9 monthly installments, June through February

### Tuition Support

We strive to create a school community that reflects the economic diversity of Maine. Families who are unable to afford the full cost of a Maine Coast Waldorf education are encouraged to apply for a tuition amount that they feel best meets their ability to pay. Then, through a process that considers a family's income and assets, the school makes a final determination about the tuition that is appropriate based upon the family's financial means.

The deadline for submitting applications for tuition support is **January 31, 2020**. After this deadline, families who are applying for admission may be considered for tuition support but should contact the admissions office before submitting an application for tuition support. Please note that a family must submit an application for admission before their application for tuition support can be reviewed.

We work with a company called TADS to measure a family's means fairly and equitably. Recommendations from TADS are used by the school, in accordance with its policies, to determine an appropriate tuition. Support is limited and typically does not exceed 50% of tuition.

Tuition support is available to Grades 1 – 12 students and to **Early Childhood students who attend five days (Monday – Friday) until 3:00. It is not available for fewer than five days or for the morning only (8:30 - 12:00) option**. The TADS application and further information can be found on our website: [www.mainecoastwaldorf.org/admissions/tuition/](http://www.mainecoastwaldorf.org/admissions/tuition/)

### Age Guidelines for the 2020-21 school year:

- Our classes are mixed-age groups.
- Children must be turning 3 by December 31, 2020 to apply for September 2020 admission. We have limited spots available for children in our youngest age group, i.e., those turning 3 between June 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
- Children in their final year of kindergarten (those turning 5 by May 31, 2020) must attend 5 days.
- Children must be turning 6 by May 31, 2020 to be considered for first grade.

**Family Programs:** We offer Parent-Infant and Parent-Toddler classes throughout the school year to nurture and support those who care for

babies and young children. For class schedules and costs, please visit our website: [www.mainecoastwaldorf.org/early-childhood/parent-infant-toddler-classes/](http://www.mainecoastwaldorf.org/early-childhood/parent-infant-toddler-classes/) or contact 207-865-3900, Ext.151.

**Submitting Forms:** Application forms may be scanned/emailed to: [admissions@mainecoastwaldorf.org](mailto:admissions@mainecoastwaldorf.org)

If your preference is to mail the forms, please send to:

Admissions Office  
Maine Coast Waldorf School  
57 Desert Road  
Freeport, ME 04032

**Contact:** If you have questions, please contact the Admissions Office: [admissions@mainecoastwaldorf.org](mailto:admissions@mainecoastwaldorf.org) or 207-865-3900, Ext.103.