

## **Admissions Procedures**

Chautauqua Woods accepts applications at any time. All prospective students are entered into a waiting pool. Re-enrollment of current families begins in February, and we will then determine where we will have available spots.

- We have a small environment and limited space. All applicants will go through the interview process and then to a waiting list after. If a spot comes available, the family will be contacted.
- If you are interested in our program, please submit your application and application fee of \$25.  
[https://www.transparentclassroom.com/s/2663/online\\_applications/new?locale=en](https://www.transparentclassroom.com/s/2663/online_applications/new?locale=en)
- In accordance with the application considerations listed below, we make class placement decisions. Faculty and administration make a collaborative decision based on the makeup of the current class.
- When a student is accepted into our program, relevant paperwork will be emailed with a date by which they must be returned with your registration fee and tuition deposit.

## **Application Considerations**

- Siblings of current students are given priority for admission.
- Children with previous Montessori experience are given second priority for admission—with the number of years in those programs taken into consideration. We do follow the recommendation from the American Montessori Society to maintain a ratio of three out four children per class having a Montessori foundation.
- Commitment to Montessori Philosophy. We take in consideration the commitment families have regarding Montessori education through middle school.
- In accordance with Montessori guidelines, we try to balance our classes by age and gender; this will be taken into consideration and could affect a child assignment into a classroom.
- To be considered, students must be three by September 30<sup>th</sup> of the school year to which they are applying and are expected to be out of diapers and able to care for basic needs, such as dressing with little or no assistance.