

TRINITY - HOW KINDERGARTEN VISITS ARE ALLOCATED – 2023-2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for applying to Trinity's Kindergarten. We are honored that you are considering us in your search for a school. We understand the importance of finding the right school community for your family and want to be as helpful and supportive to you as possible. Because we know that this process can be stressful and, at times, confusing, we write to be as clear as possible about the distinctive process Trinity uses to select families for interviews and, ultimately, admission.

Online applications will be available for submission on our website starting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. While we look forward to speaking with you about our school, unfortunately, we cannot tour and interview everyone who submits an application. In the past few years, we have received over 500 applications by the end of September, but we only have the capacity to interview approximately 350-375 families for the 60 spaces in our Kindergarten each year. In order to relieve some of the pressure surrounding the race to return the application and act fairly towards all those who apply in a timely manner, we will review every application we receive through the fourth week in October (10/24/23 deadline to submit a K application). Consequently, we encourage you to submit the application as soon as possible so the school can begin to schedule appointments. Tours of the school will begin in late September, and interviews will begin in October and go through mid-January. We anticipate that we will fill all available tour and interview spots by late October. We sincerely hope that we will be able to meet your family, but receipt of your application, regardless of the time it is submitted, does not guarantee a tour or interview.

Starting mid-September and continuing through October, we will offer interview appointments to as many families as we can, guided by the factors the school considers in shaping a balanced class. We seek to meet families that share our same values: a passion for learning, hard work, joy, a respect for tradition and a desire to be positive members of our community. We are looking for curious, happy children who are eager to learn. Our school cares deeply about diversity in the broadest sense of the word, seeking students of varied talents whose geographic, socioeconomic, racial, ethnic, gender, religious, and family backgrounds will enrich our community. We are also a "family" school that cares deeply about siblings and legacies, but are still strongly committed to welcoming many new families every year and hope to enroll children from a variety of school programs. For the past five years, on average, 35% of the class has come from families brand new to Trinity.

Our office schedules tour and interview appointments on a rolling basis, initially contacting approximately 150 families in September, then another 200+ families in October. We use a

combination of phone calls and email to be in touch as quickly as we can. However, it will take a bit of time for us to contact you to schedule appointments because we mean to be thoughtful and careful as we process applications. In order to keep you informed about your child's application status, we will send updates to the email address provided on the application approximately every two weeks. While we are unable to meet with every family that applies, please know that we will see as many families as possible during the season. We expect to reach our interview capacity by late October/early November; when we do, we will write to those who have not been scheduled and return fees for applications not processed.

For more details about our Kindergarten admissions process and timeline, please refer to our website and your Finalsite Parent Portal (generated after you submit an application). Our goal is to be communicative and clear. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. We are grateful for your interest in Trinity.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Levine
Director of Admissions, K-4