



Spring/Fall 2022

Dear Parents of Applicants for the 2023-2024 School Year:

As a “Priority Family” at the Birch Wathen Lenox School you are eligible to participate in **Early Decision** (ED). ED offers Priority Families the option of **early decision** for **new applicants** who are siblings of current BWL students, or who are children of Birch Wathen, Lenox, or BWL alumni. In addition, any family with an existing involvement or relationship with the Birch Wathen Lenox School *may* be eligible for Early Decision and should inquire with our Admissions Department.

According to the ISAAGNY (Independent School Admissions Association of Greater New York) guidelines, if you choose to participate in ED, **BIRCH WATHEN LENOX MUST BE YOUR FIRST CHOICE. If accepted, you agree to attend by signing a contract and paying a non-refundable deposit.** Participating in ED does not guarantee a place for your child. If you choose *not* to participate in ED, your child will be considered as part of our general pool of applicants.

If you are **certain** that the Birch Wathen Lenox School is your first choice:

1. **Notify us by noon on Friday, November 18, 2022 if you wish to participate in ED.** Please **complete and return the following response form** indicating your choice. (Please submit other **application materials no later than October 1**, so we can schedule your tour/interview early in the process.)
2. Applicants to grades 2-12 should schedule the ERB/ECAA/ISEE examination as soon as possible and scores should be forwarded to BWL promptly. Kindergarten and Grade 1 applicants *are not* required to complete the ERB. See the website for more information.
3. We will notify you no earlier than **noon on Friday, December 9, 2022** with our decision.
4. Reply to us no later than **noon on Friday, December 16, 2022** with a signed contract and a non-refundable deposit.
5. If accepted to BWL, you must withdraw any outside applications immediately.

If you are **not certain** that the Birch Wathen Lenox School is your first choice:

1. Indicate on the following form that you do not wish to participate in ED.
2. We will notify you according to the regular ISAAGNY notification dates. See the ISAAGNY website for specifics.

Please complete the following form indicating your decision, and **return it to the BWL Admissions Department VIA EMAIL: admissions@bwl.org by November 18.** If we have not heard from you by this date, we will assume you do *not* wish to participate in ED.

Sincerely,

Julianne Kaplan
Director of Admissions

Constance Schaefer
Assistant Director of Admissions



BWL Early Decision Form for 2023-2024 School Year

Please note:

Your response is only requested if you are pursuing a *NEW APPLICATION* to BWL for your child as a *sibling or legacy* for the coming school year. If you have confirmed with the Admissions Department your eligibility for the ED as a family with an existing relationship to BWL, please also complete this form.

_____ I **DO** wish to participate in Early Decision.

_____ I **DO NOT** wish to participate in Early Decision.

Applicant's Name: _____

Birth date (mm/dd/yy): _____

Applicant's Current Grade: _____

Current school: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print):

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature:

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate any of the following that apply:

1. Applicant is a **SIBLING**
Name of BWL sibling: _____ Grade: _____

2. Applicant is a **LEGACY**
Name of Alumnus/Alumna: _____
Circle one: Birch Wathen Lenox BWL

Years attended: _____

Relationship of Alumnus to applicant: _____

3. **OTHER** (please explain): _____

****Return all forms VIA EMAIL: admissions@bwl.org by November 18, 2022.***