

Valley View Charter Montessori Middle School Admissions Policy

Admissions Requirements

Valley View Charter Montessori Middle School believes that all students have the right to an education that strives to develop inquiring, lifelong learners through a rigorous curriculum.

As such, we do not have admissions requirements.

Students and parents should understand that submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance into Valley View Charter Montessori Middle School's IB Programme. Rather, it signifies the commitment of both student and parent to the academic rigors and expectations of the MYP.

Application Process

Students who are currently enrolled in the Valley View Charter Montessori Middle School Program and those students who are currently enrolled as fifth-graders at Valley View Charter Montessori Elementary School do not need to re-apply to participate in the IB Program.

Applicants *not currently enrolled* at Valley View Charter Montessori will need to follow the process articulated below:

The application process for Valley View Charter Montessori Middle School will follow the California Education Code for Charter Schools and the provisions included in the school's charter as approved by the Buckeye Union School District. Applications for *new* students are accepted during the designated open enrollment period each spring for the following school year. Following the open enrollment period, a determination is made as to whether the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of available spaces for each class.

Open Application Period 2023/24: On-line Application: February 6, 2023 - March 17, 2023 Website/In-Person Application: February 6, 2023 - March 17, 2023

In the event we have more applicants than the site, grade level, and/or special program has the capacity to accept, the Charter School will hold a public random drawing ("lottery") to determine admission for the impacted grade level and/or special program, with the exception of existing students and those who reside within Camerado Springs attendance boundaries, who are guaranteed admission in the following school year. In accordance with Education Code Section 47605(d)(2)(B), admission preferences in the case of a lottery shall be given to students in the following order:

- 1. Students presently enrolled in Valley View Charter Montessori Middle School.
- 2. Students who have siblings enrolled in Valley View Charter Montessori Middle School (siblings include children living in the same household who share at least one parent, stepparent, or quardian).

- 3. Students who reside within the attendance boundaries of Valley View school site.
- 4. Students who are children of current employees of the Buckeye Union School District.
- 5. Students who reside within the attendance boundaries of the Buckeye Union School District.
- 6. Students who have at least one-year of prior Montessori experience.
- 7. All other applicants.

Applicants not offered spaces immediately are placed on a waiting list within each priority category in the order of their lottery ticket number. Available spaces will be offered by order on the waiting list within each priority category as space becomes available. Applicants not offered spaces remain on the waiting list for ONLY the school year for which they applied and are contacted if space becomes available during that school year.

Public Random Drawing Date for 2023/24 11:00 a.m. - March 24, 2023 Valley View Library, 1665 Blackstone Parkway, El Dorado Hills, CA

Notification of Enrollment

Offers of admissions will be made by email (a letter if no email provided) to the applicant's family, to be sent within ten (10) days of the enrollment lottery. The family will then have five (5) business days to respond. If the family does not respond, one additional phone call will be made, and the family has two (2) business days to contact the school. If the family still does not respond, the applicant will be considered to have "declined" and will lose his/her place in the class.

Wait List

Those not offered spaces immediately following the lottery will be placed on a waiting list within each priority category in the order of their lottery ticket. Those who apply *after* the open enrollment period will be eligible for spaces if/when there are no names on the open enrollment waiting lists. When there are multiple applications of this type, a second lottery process will be announced to determine the order of admission.

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