

NEW REGISTRATIONS ONLY

Application Process

The application process for Valley View Charter Montessori 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.

Starting with the 2024-2025 school year, the District implemented a new student information system, namely Alma Start which is an online student registration system the District will be using. Alma is a secure, easy-to-use online system. Once the 2025-2026 Application Period Opens, you will find the details on the VVCM website (as well as the District website) on how to register your student in our new Alma student information system.

**Open Application Period 2026/27:
February 2, 2026 - March 13, 2026**

Public Random Drawing Procedure for Valley View Charter Montessori School Applicants

Applications will be accepted during a publicly advertised open enrollment period each year for enrollment in the following school year. Following the open enrollment period each year, applications shall be counted to determine whether any grade level and/or special programs has received more applications than the site has the capacity to accept. In the event that this happens, 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, 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 the following students in the following order:

1. Students presently enrolled in Valley View Charter Montessori.
2. Students who have siblings enrolled in Valley View Charter Montessori (siblings include children living in the same household who share at least one parent, stepparent or guardian).
3. Students who reside within the attendance boundaries of the 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 only for the school year for which they applied and are contacted if space becomes available during that school year.

**Public Random Drawing Date for 2026/27
11:00 a.m. - March 20, 2026**

Notification of Enrollment

Offers of admission 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.

Notification of Special Programs Impacted - Placement at Alternative Site

Once a student is enrolled at VVCM, if it is determined that the student is a student with disabilities, VVCM shall determine if the student's IEP or Section 504 plan can be implemented at VVCM. If VVCM determines that VVCM has sufficient capacity to implement the IEP or Section 504 plan, VVCM shall implement the IEP or Section 504 plan at VVCM. If VVCM determines that VVCM does not have sufficient capacity to implement the IEP or Section 504 plan at VVCM,

VVCM shall convene an IEP team meeting or Section 504 team meeting in order to identify, **at the District's discretion**, another District school at which the student will be placed and IEP or Section 504 plan can be implemented. The student shall then be offered enrollment at that other District school site identified by the District. Additionally, the student shall be placed on a waiting list for enrollment at VVCM at a future time should the program and/or services specified in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan fall below capacity during that particular school year.

A special education classroom will be considered impacted and at capacity for VVCM enrollment purposes when the case carrier's caseload reaches eighty percent (80%) of capacity of like programs at other Buckeye Union Elementary School District ("District") schools (e.g., a ratio of 22:1 for resource specialist programs or a ratio of 10:1 for special day class programs). A special education service will be considered at capacity for VVCM enrollment purposes when the service provider's caseload reaches eighty percent (80%) of capacity of like service providers at other District schools (e.g., a ratio of 44:1 for speech pathologists).

Wait List

Those not offered spaces immediately following the lottery will remain on the waiting list and be notified in order if additional spaces open up either before the school year begins or during the school year. Waiting lists remain in effect for only the year of application. Those who apply *after* the open enrollment period will be eligible for available 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 order of admission.