



## Admissions Information

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Cedar Springs Waldorf School (CSWS) was founded in 1989 and is a private, nonsectarian, nonprofit school serving pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. The school is accredited through the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA).

### **Our Vision**

Guided by a care and respect for each human being, our vision is to provide a Waldorf Education that nurtures and develops each child's mind, body and spirit through imagination, creativity, academic excellence, independent thinking and an enthusiasm for life. We can best support and inspire our students if these qualities are encouraged in the daily lives of our families, teachers and staff. We aspire to develop thinking, caring individuals who will improve the world through their thoughts, spoken words and deeds.

### **Admissions Decision Making Process**

CSWS seeks to admit a wide range of students into the school and to ensure student success. The following factors are considered during the admissions process:

- Current classroom environment at CSWS, including class size, student needs, and the school's ability to meet the needs of the applicant while maintaining a successful educational environment for currently enrolled students.
- CSWS Faculty observations from the applicant's interview, assessment and classroom visit.
- Applicant's prior education record, including number of schools attended, homework skills, attendance/tardy history, assessments, social skills, and any need for learning support services not provided by CSWS.
- Parent/Teacher/Administration relationships at prior schools.
- Family interest and desire to work with the principles of Waldorf Education.
- Family interest and willingness to support the school's mission and success through volunteering and other means of support.

### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

CSWS does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, disability, age and all classifications protected by applicable state or federal discrimination laws in any of its policies, procedures or practices. This non-discriminatory policy covers admission and employment in the school's programs and activities.

### **Special Needs Children and Support Services**

The education offered at CSWS is based on Waldorf curriculum. The content, methods, and creativity may provide a positive experience and benefit some children with special needs. However, CSWS has neither the services nor the trained personnel required to meet every special learning situation.

CSWS may suggest student testing and/or evaluations which may be provided by the local school district or private parties. In the event that additional services are recommended as a condition of acceptance or continued enrollment, such services will be the financial responsibility of the parent.

### **First Grade Readiness and Birth Date Cut-offs**

Due to the age-appropriate developmental approach of our curriculum, students begin First Grade later than in other schools. Children must be six years old by May 31 to advance to First Grade. Grade assignments in Second through Eighth will be made using this age cutoff (i.e. 8 years old by May 31 for Third Grade) though other variables may be taken into account to best serve each child.



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1. Tour: Attending a tour is the first step in the admissions process and is a requirement for all families.
2. Application Submission and Review: Submit an application for your child/ren and the \$50 application fee per child. CSWS will request a copy of school records from the child's current school. Once the application and records have been received, the Director of Enrollment and class teacher will review the information and CSWS may schedule an interview for the child and or parents.
3. Interviews:

Pre-K and Kindergarten: The parents will be invited to meet with the teacher, learn more about a Waldorf Education, and share information about the child's needs, strengths etc. Children do not attend the interview.

Grades: The parents and child will be invited to meet with the class teacher, learn more about a Waldorf Education, ask questions, etc. The class teacher will conduct an assessment with the child to get to know more about the child's academic readiness, skill level etc.
4. Class visit\* (Grades 1-8 only): Following the interview, the child may be invited to experience the Waldorf Curriculum during a three to five-day classroom visit.
5. Notification: The class teacher may extend an class placement offer, if appropriate, and will notify the parents within two weeks of the class visit (Grades 1-8) or interview (Pre-K and Kindergarten).
6. Enrollment: For mid-year enrollment, the Enrollment Director, class teacher and parents will determine an appropriate start date. Final enrollment materials and a letter of acceptance will be mailed to the parents.
7. Financial Arrangements: Prior to a student beginning school, the parents will complete Administrative Acceptance by submitting the required enrollment materials and the following:
  - Enrollment Fee
  - Payment in full for annual tuition  
OR
  - 10% tuition deposit and completed automatic monthly payment enrollment form (SMART)

### Financial Aid for Tuition Support

Cedar Springs strives to make a Waldorf Education possible for families with financial need who are committed to this method for their child. The Tuition Support Program allows for tuition reduction, on a limited basis for full-time students who qualify. Full scholarships are not available and each family participating in the Tuition Support Program pays monthly tuition.

For a mid-year enrollment, families who are interested in receiving Tuition Support must complete the financial aid application process and have a signed tuition agreement in place prior to a student visit being scheduled.

Please contact the Director of Enrollment with any additional questions at (530) 642-9903 or by email at [Enrollment@CedarSpringsWaldorf.org](mailto:Enrollment@CedarSpringsWaldorf.org).



## Application for Admission

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Boy  Girl

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant likes to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade applying for: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested date of entry \_\_\_\_\_ or ASAP

### Household 1: Parent/Guardian Information

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Household 2: Parent/Guardian Information Attach a separate sheet if there is a 3rd household.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Parent/Guardian Information

Marital status of parents: Married  Separated  Divorced  Single  Co-parenting, never married

With whom does the child live? \_\_\_\_\_



Please list the name of all schools (including home-school) that the applicant has attended. Attach additional sheet if needed.

Name of School, City and State

Grades Attended

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Is your child right or left handed? \_\_\_\_\_ Does he/she wear glasses? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any physical conditions (vision, hearing, speech, movement) that might require special attention?

No  Yes  (please explain)

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Does your child have an identified learning disability? No  Yes  (Explain and attach any supporting documentation such as an IEP or 504 plan, evaluations, and professional recommendations.)

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Is your child currently receiving tutoring or other remedial service? No  Yes  (Explain)

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Does your child have behavioral problems that you are aware of, at home or in the classroom? No  Yes  (Explain)

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Please list any allergies or medical conditions and specify any medication the child takes on a regular basis along with the reason for the medication.

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Please describe any challenges in your child's development such as walking, talking, eating, growth, etc.

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### Family and Child Activities and Media Usage

How much time does your child spend in the following activities?

Group activity such as gymnastics or sports	None <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	hours per week (average)
Outside play (alone or with others)	None <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	hours per week (average)
Inside play (alone or with others)	None <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	hours per week (average)
Music classes/practice	None <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	hours per week (average)
Watching Television/movies	None <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	hours per week (average)
Computer use of any type	None <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	hours per week (average)

Does your child have his/her own electronic devices such as Ipad, telephone, Xbox etc. No  Yes  (please explain)

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What do you (both parents) enjoy doing with your child?

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### Applicants for Grades One through Eight Only: Permission for Child Visit and Liability Release

Children in grades One through Eight may be invited for a student visit. Please indicate your permission and sign the liability release.

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_ (full name of parents), the parent/s or lawful guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (full name of child), do sign this general release of liability and authorize said minor to participate in the education program at Cedar Springs Waldorf School.

I/we do hereby release and discharge the Cedar Springs Waldorf School, it's Administrators, Teachers, Employees, Volunteers and other participating parents or guardians from any and all liability whatsoever of any nature or sort, for any property damage or personal injury suffered by the child, minor or undersigned. The undersigned shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend the Cedar Springs Waldorf School of and from liability for any claim of any nature rising out of any activity, conduct, act or omission of the undersigned.

### Parent Signature

I/we agree that the information provided in this application is thorough and correct. I/we understand that the \$50 application fee is non-refundable.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (print)

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent/Guardian Name (print)

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please return this application and a \$50 processing fee to: Attention Admissions, Cedar Springs Waldorf School, 6029 Gold Meadows Road, Placerville, CA 95667. For questions, contact the Enrollment Director at (530) 642-9903. Thank you and we look forward to learning more about your family during the admissions process.**