

ELEMENTARY PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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Thank you for your interest in our elementary Program. It is important to everyone here at West Hills Montessori School that we provide a positive and valuable experience for each child who attends our classes. As we consider a child's application we need the help of their family and current teachers to be able to make a wise decision regarding enrollment. The information you and your child's school provide will help us to come to know and understand your child's current needs.

All information you provide this school will be considered confidential and will become a part of your child's school file. If you have any questions concerning this form, please contact us. Your prompt response will enable us to complete your child's application as soon as possible.

This form must be submitted to our office to be included in your child's application process.

Part 1 – To be completed by parent:

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Grade to which you are applying: _____

Has your child participated in any educational setting, outside of the home, since April 2020? If yes, please share specifics:

Why are you choosing a Montessori Elementary education for your child? Why have you chosen West Hills?

Please list your child's previous schools and indicate how long they attended. Does your child have any other academic instruction (tutoring, etc.), music or other lessons?

Please tell us about your family unit (i.e., parents, siblings, other family members in the household and how long your family has lived in our local community). Is there a regular nanny/caregiver?

Please tell us about your child's social development. Include comments on individual relationships with peers and adults, as well as your child's skills as a group member.

What are your child's interests and/ or abilities? Is another language spoken at home?

Please comment on your child's physical development (including large and small motor skills).

How much time does your child spend with electronics (television, DVDs, video games, computer, iPad, Wii, etc.)? Please describe the content of the programs or software. Would you be willing to curtail "screen time" if the teacher suggested it?

Please identify any special needs such as allergies or speech and hearing difficulties, or physical, emotional or educational needs.

Montessori Elementary is a learning environment in which children assume responsibility for their education, making work choices with the teacher's guidance. West Hills Elementary comprises first through sixth grade. When you picture your child at age 12, what are the outcomes of a Montessori education you anticipate? Please comment on your child's readiness to assume this kind of responsibility and your willingness to commit to a full Elementary cycle.

Please list any West Hills Montessori Elementary informational events/observations you have participated in:

In addition to filling out this questionnaire, we use the additional criteria (listed below) in enrolling our Elementary classroom:

- The child must be six years of age as of September 1 in the year to which you have applied
- Previous experience at West Hills Montessori School
- Previous experience at another Montessori primary or elementary program
- Primary or Elementary Guide referral
- Teacher and/or Administrative observation of child in their primary setting
- Application process for non-WHMS students may include observation of child in current school setting as well as a student visit to the WHMS Elementary community
- Attendance at an Elementary information session and/or an Elementary curriculum event
- Acceptances will be made in March
- Space will be limited in our Elementary classrooms, so we urge each of our families to attend an Elementary information session and submit their questionnaire by the application deadline. To schedule an observation in the elementary classroom, please call the School Office (503-246-5495).

Parent's Printed Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____