

# WEST HILLS MONTESSORI SCHOOL

## New Student Questionnaire: Elementary



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade to which you are applying:    1st grade    2nd grade    3rd grade    4th grade    5th grade    6th grade

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 West Hills Montessori 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 and is to be completed by a parent or guardian.**

**How did you hear about West Hills Montessori?**

**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 parenting philosophy. Include your thoughts on the importance of independence, citizenship, and responsibility.**

**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).**

**Separation: What is your child's comfort level in separating from parents or caregivers?**

**Social Interactions: How does your child relate socially to other children and to adults?**

**Listening: Does your child listen attentively?**

**Attention: Is your child able to focus on a task?**

**Independence: Can your child work independently, without the need of adult guidance?**

**Responsiveness to adults: Does your child follow adult directions? How does your child respond to limits or redirection from an adult?**

**Self-Regulation: How does your child deal with conflict or adversity? How does your child deal with challenging situations or disappointment?**

**How much time does your child spend with digital media (television, video games, computer, iPad/tablets, etc.)? Please describe the content of the programs. Would you be willing to curtail “screen time” if the teacher suggested it?**

**Please identify any special circumstances of which we should be aware (allergies, speech, hearing, physical/emotional needs, or any outside services being used).**

**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? What is your child's current level of readiness to assume this kind of responsibility?**

**How long do you intend to stay at West Hills’ Elementary program? Are you committed to staying through the entire six year cycle?**

**Have you attended any of our Elementary-focused parent events or a classroom observation? If so, please list them below.**

**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)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_