



River Rock School

“Handcrafted Education”

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Thank you for your interest in River Rock School.

There are many things to consider when enrolling a new student into the middle school classroom. Many of the students currently enrolled are seasoned River Rock students. They have grown up together throughout their elementary years. It is not easy for a new student at this developmental stage to break into a new peer group and a new learning environment while also experiencing the physiological and psychological changes that take place during this time period.

We, therefore, carefully consider each new applicant by following a four step application process:

1. **Parent Observation:** Please come spend an hour or two in our school to meet the teachers and the students. The observation will give parents a better sense of our learning environment as well as a better sense of the community of current students and faculty.
2. **Student, Parent, and Teacher Meeting:** If you think the school might be a good fit we will then schedule a meeting for you and your child to meet with the teachers. We ask that:
 - you and your child submit a parent application and student application before the date of the meeting.
 - your child bring a recent piece of work that he/she is proud of to the meeting: a poem, essay, song, painting, sculpture, etc.
3. **Student Visit Day:** The teachers will then contact you if they feel that your child might be a good fit and ask that your child come in for 1 or preferably 2 visit days. We ask that you email the school communicating your child's impression of their visit day(s).
4. **Enrollment Decision:** The application will then be considered by the enrollment committee with recommendations from the teachers, and a decision will be mailed to you within 1-2 weeks.