



Welcome to Tacoma Waldorf School!

The search for the right education for our children is an exciting process that can be filled with opportunities to learn about new forms of education. We would like to take this time to introduce you to what Waldorf Education offers families. We welcome your questions as you begin your exploration of Tacoma Waldorf School. We will be pleased to guide you through every step of our admissions process.

Waldorf Education offers children the opportunity to fully explore the world around them.

- Our Early Childhood program provides a warm, gentle experience in a home like environment. Children learn primarily through imitation and imagination. Our goal is to develop a sense of wonder in the young child and reverence for all living things through indoor/outdoor play, water color painting, baking, handwork, story and songs. This creates an eagerness for the academics that follows in the grades.
- Our Grade School program allows students to experience the arts integrated in all aspects of an academic curriculum. Teachers guide students to exercise respect for themselves and others, stay connected with the natural world and empower a lifelong intellectual curiosity.

We invite you to read the publications enclosed as you consider how the philosophy and values of Waldorf Education resonate with your own. In the admissions packet you will also find specific information about our admissions process. We hope that this material will support you in discovering the wonderfully unique and effective approach to education offered by Waldorf schools and Tacoma Waldorf School.

If you have questions or would like to schedule a visit, please contact us by phone: 253.383.8711, email: enrollment@tacomawaldorf.org, or in person in our office.

We look forward to welcoming you to Tacoma Waldorf School.



General Information

FOR SCHOOL YEAR
2017-2018

Tacoma Waldorf School's Mission

The Tacoma Waldorf School awakens a lifelong love of learning, inspires critical thinking, and fosters emotional intelligence in our students. We educate the whole child through thinking, feeling, and willing guided by a deep understanding of human development. Our children are prepared to meet the world confidently, creatively, and with respect towards others.

See www.waldorfeducation.org for more information on the gift of a Waldorf education for your children.

Age Guidelines

Tacoma Waldorf School offers toddler-parent classes, preschool, kindergarten, and grades 1 through 5. A Waldorf Curriculum is designed to meet the various stages of child development, therefore general age guidelines are as follows:

| <u>CLASS</u> | <u>AGE</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <u>Toddler-Parent</u> | <u>Walkers through young 3 year olds</u> |
| <u>3 day Preschool</u> | <u>2 1/3 through young 3 1/3 year olds</u> |
| <u>3, 4 & 5 day Preschool</u> | <u>3 1/3 to 4 1/3 year olds</u> |
| <u>4 & 5 day Kindergarten</u> | <u>4 1/3 to 6 1/3 year olds</u> |

Students should be 6 1/3 to enter grade 1. This age marker continues for each grade.

Early Childhood Schedule

| <u>CLASS</u> | <u>DAY(S)</u> | <u>TIMES</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <u>Toddler-Parent</u> | <u>Fridays</u> | <u>9:30 – 11:30 am</u> |
| <u>3-day Preschool</u> | <u>Monday - Wednesday</u> | <u>8:30 – 12:30 pm</u> |
| <u>4 or 5 day Preschool</u> | <u>Monday - Thursday or Friday</u> | <u>8:30 – 12:30 pm</u> |
| <u>4 or 5 day Kindergarten</u> | <u>Monday - Friday</u> | <u>8:30 – 12:30 pm</u> |

Grades Schedule

| <u>CLASS</u> | <u>DAYS</u> | <u>TIMES</u> |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <u>Grade 1</u> | <u>Monday thru Friday Except Thursdays</u> | <u>8:30 – 2:15 8:30 - 1:30</u> |
| <u>Grade 2 and above</u> | <u>Monday thru Friday Except Thursdays</u> | <u>8:30 – 3:15 pm 8:30 – 1:30</u> |

Before and Aftercare

Beforecare and Aftercare is available for students 3 years old and older anytime between 7:00 am - 8:30 am, and 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm at an hourly rate. Tuition Assistance does not apply to aftercare costs.



Admissions Process

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Thank you for your interest in Tacoma Waldorf School. Our programs are designed to provide young people with a warm and supportive learning environment, and a social context both lively and safe.

Step 1 - Visit

Join us for a Waldorf Experience, Tour of the Grades, or a tour with our Enrollment Coordinator. Please see our school calendar for dates.

Step 2 - Application

Turn in an Application and the non-refundable \$50 Application Fee. This will hold a place for your child for 10 business days allowing time to complete steps 3 and 4. Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis beginning with open enrollment February 27th, 2017.

If financial assistance is requested [Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)], an on-line application must be completed. See www.smarttuitionaid.com School Code: 10675

The Commitment Fee can be held until a financial offer of support is determined and agreed upon. For more information regarding TAP, please see the *admissions* tab of our website.

Your Application and \$50 Application Fee can be brought into the office or mailed to:

Tacoma Waldorf School
2710 North Madison Street
Tacoma, WA 98407

Step 3 – Interview

Parent(s) meet(s) with their child's prospective teacher. This is an opportunity for you AND the teacher to discuss your child's education and development, address any questions or concerns, and answer any questions you may have regarding Waldorf Education.

Step 4 - Acceptance

Once the faculty and family reach a mutual agreement that Tacoma Waldorf School is the appropriate fit for the student, an acceptance letter will be issued to the family. The family has 5 business days to secure their child's placement by completing step 6.

Step 5 – Enrollment Contract

Turn in your Enrollment Contract, Smart Tuition Authorization form, and other office forms with the non-refundable Commitment Fee. The Tuition Deposit is due by June 1, 2017.

Step 6 – Parent Orientation Meeting

Schedule and meet with Enrollment Coordinator for TWS Parent Orientation.



Tuition and Fees

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| Program | 3-day Pre-School | 4-day Preschool / Kindy | 5-day Preschool/Kindy | Grades 1 and above |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2017-2018 Tuition | \$6,560.00 | \$8,370.00 | \$9,690.00 | \$10,290.00 |
| Non-Refundable Tuition Deposit | \$656.00 | \$837.00 | \$969.00 | \$1,029.00 |
| Remaining Tuition Balance | \$5,904.00 | \$7,533.00 | \$8,721.00 | \$9,261.00 |
| Tuition Balance 10 payments | \$590.40 | \$753.30 | \$872.10 | \$926.10 |
| Tuition Balance 12 payments | \$492.00 | \$627.75 | \$726.75 | \$771.75 |
| or | | | | |
| Remaining Tuition Balance | \$5,904.00 | \$7,533.00 | \$8,721.00 | \$9,261.00 |
| Pre-Pay Tuition Discount (-5%) | -\$295.20 | -\$376.65 | -\$436.05 | -\$463.05 |
| Total Discounted Tuition Balance | \$5,608.80 | \$7,156.35 | \$8,284.95 | \$8,797.95 |

Application Fee

A non-refundable \$50 Application Fee is charged for each new child applying for enrollment to the School. Payment is due with the Application.

Commitment Fee

The non-refundable Commitment Fee covers administrative costs associated with enrolling your child and reserves your child's space in the class for the 2017-2018 school year.

\$175 for the first child

\$50 for each additional child

Tuition Deposit

The non-refundable Tuition Deposit is due on or before June 1, 2017.

Incidentals

Tuition does NOT include cost of musical instruments, emergency kits, field trips or other incidentals. Please speak to your classroom teacher regarding anticipated costs for these items.

Sibling Tuition Discount

Only available to families paying full tuition.

Oldest child: full tuition

Second child: 15% discount

Third and subsequent children: 30% discount.

All discounts are applied to the Tuition Balance *after* Tuition Deposit.

Pre-Pay Tuition Discount

A 5% discount is offered if your child's annual Tuition Balance is paid in full by July 31.

All discounts are applied to the Tuition Balance *after* Tuition Deposit.

Tuition Adjustment Program (TAP)

Tacoma Waldorf School believes that a Waldorf Education should be financially accessible to any family. To the extent that our funds permit, financial aid is available to families who are able to establish financial need through the Tuition Adjustment Program (TAP) and whose child/ren are enrolled in a 5-day Kindergarten program and above. TAP does NOT apply to any Fees, the Tuition Deposit or any other incidentals.