



Shrewsbury Montessori School

Growing Bright Minds from Age Three through Grade Six

Children's House Admissions Process (Ages 2.9-5)

1. Attend a Parent Tour or Open House

Parent tours are scheduled by appointment with the Director of Admissions. The [Parent tour](#) provides an opportunity for parents to gain an understanding of the Montessori method and the philosophy of SMS. Tours include observing classrooms of the *Morning Work Period*, and a question and answer session with the Director of Admissions.

2. Complete an Application

The [Application form](#) is available for download and also in hard copy when visiting the school. A child is considered for admission and placed on the admissions list upon receipt of the completed application and the non-refundable \$40.00 application fee.

3. Submit an AISNE Evaluation Form – Kindergarten Only

Kindergarten applicants are responsible for submitting the Association of Independent Schools of New England (AISNE) [student evaluation form](#) to the child's current teacher and requesting it be sent to Shrewsbury Montessori School. [Records release form](#) will need to be submitted to release student information.

4. Receive Notification of Decision

SMS has Rolling Admissions. Enrollment of Children's House and Elementary students is based on a determination by the admissions committee that Shrewsbury Montessori School can meet the needs of the child and is subject to availability. Shrewsbury Montessori School extends enrollment agreements to current students and siblings beginning January 1 and to new students beginning in February for fall admission. Admission notification continues throughout the spring. Applicants are notified that their child has been granted admission via an enrollment agreement.

5. Complete and Sign an Enrollment Agreement

Applicants must return the enrollment agreement and a non-refundable \$500 deposit within two weeks or as noted on the enrollment agreement to secure placement for the upcoming school year.

6. New Family Visit

The Director of Admissions contacts the families of all newly enrolled Children's House students to schedule a twenty-minute visit with the parents and child. This meeting helps SMS get to know the child to facilitate class placement for the fall and also allows us to answer any follow up questions the family might have. Please note that a child is eligible for admission the year in which they turn three years old by August 31.