

**The Valley School of Southern Oregon
Public Charter School
Intent to Enroll Form
2017-2018 School Year**

Welcome to The Valley School! This Intent to Enroll Form is for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. If you are enrolling multiple new students, please complete separate Intent to Enroll Forms for each child.

The Open Enrollment Window runs from the first through the last business day each January. A lottery, if required, will be held within ten business days after the Open Enrollment Window. Official Lottery notifications will be offered three days after the lottery is held. You do not need to be present at the time of the lottery. A lottery will only be held for the grade(s) that have foreseeable openings the following fall.

**Note: For 2017-18 6th grade is the only grade with foreseeable openings. If you are interested in enrolling a 7th or 8th grader, completion of this form will place your student on the wait list for that grade.*

Once students are notified and offered enrollment at The Valley School, they must accept their spot by completing an Enrollment Packet available in May at the school.

There are no mandatory fees or tuition for enrollment. The Valley School is a free, public charter school.

The Valley School will not limit enrollment of any student based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, disability, the terms of an individualized education program, income level, proficiency in the English language or athletic ability.

Today's Date _____ Students Full Legal Name: _____

Student prefers to go by " _____ "

Date of Birth _____ Grade Entering in September, 2017 (6th, 7th or 8th) _____ Gender (circle) M F

Current school student is attending: _____

If you are enrolling multiple children, please write all their names and grades below and submit a separate form for each child:

Parents/Guardians _____

Residence Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Primary daytime contact phone # _____ Alternate phone number _____

Email Addresses _____

Parents/Guardians _____

Residence Address (if different): _____

City, State, Zip _____

Primary daytime contact phone # _____ Alternate phone number _____

Email Addresses _____

Which phone number or email do you prefer us to use first to contact you with enrollment information?

***** Important information on page 2 (or back side). Please initial after each section that you have read the information***

Please return in person to: The Valley School | 1253 N. Riverside, Ave | Medford, and OR 97501

Pertinent Information about next year. Please initial each section as you read them.

- New Students start school Tuesday, August 21st, 2017. New student week is set up to support and welcome new students into a Middle School Montessori experience. Classes run Tuesday, August 21st - Thursday, August 24th from 9:00am-2:00pm. Students will take classes on reading, writing, math, technology, keyboarding and the arts. They will set up digital accounts and learn how to manage their independent learning plans. We have discovered this week is essential to a smooth transition into The Valley School. _____ (Initial)
- The week after New Student Orientation is a multi-day Outdoor Education Field Experience. It runs Monday-Thursday; August 28th-31st. Exact locations vary each year. This experience is to build foundational skills in field science and create friendships and community before the school year begins. _____(Initial)
- Charter Schools are unique in that they are community schools where families play an active and important role. The Valley School requires each family to volunteer 2 hrs./month or 20 hrs./yr. There are numerous ways to accommodate working families. _____(Initial)
- The regular school day runs from 8:30-3:30. Students may be dropped off as early as 7:30am and may stay on campus until 4:00pm. _____(Initial)
- Our families are able to utilize the Medford School District's middle school bus route. The bus schedule does not align perfectly with The Valley School schedule but it is an option for families who need it. Valley School ___ More information on bussing is available by contacting the school office. _____(Initial)
- Recreational, competitive and developmental sports are offered each year at The Valley School through volunteer coaches and teachers. All students are invited to participate in the following no-cut sports at minimal cost: Cross Country, Basketball, Downhill skiing, rowing and Track. (It is our hope to add volleyball and golf soon too). _____(Initial)

What is unique about a Montessori Middle School?

The Valley School currently provides a Montessori-Inspired learning environment for 6th-8th graders. Classes are mixed grade and course curriculum is taught in 3-year cycles. The Montessori philosophy is to nurture a love for learning and teach the whole child. The Valley School uses a unique integrated-STEAM curriculum that is project-based, hands-on and relevant to 21st century learners. A Montessori Middle School is appropriate for independent, self-directed learners.

The Valley School Adolescent Program uses the following unique Montessori-based Methods:

- The 3-hour Independent Work Period consisting of Studio Classes for student project time and an opportunity to apply skills learned during Lesson Classes
- Erdkinder experiences during frequent field studies and overnight nature retreats
- An alternative grading style reflects growth and work towards ones potential; we don't emphasize traditional grades and standardized testing. Our educators focus on developing the skills for lifetime success in college and career such as collaboration, creativity, communication, critical thinking, problem solving, persistence and emotional intelligence.
- Practical arts offerings rotate between culinary arts, carpentry, architecture, 3-D technology, web design, digital audio production, journalism, game and simulation, photography, horticulture, jewelry making, needlework, pottery and entrepreneurship