



Thank you for your interest in Hope Academy!

We know that many of you have been on a journey looking for the best academic placement for your son or daughter. Along the way, your child has probably been discouraged. Because of these things, we view the admission process quite seriously. We want to be gentle with your family's hopes and protective of your child's emotions.

Our admission process has 5 phases. The 1st phase is to determine if Hope Academy is the appropriate fit for the child. During this phase, parents observe a classroom lesson and speak with a director. Afterwards, if parents find they would like to apply, they should obtain and submit the following to Hope Academy:

- Psychoeducational Evaluation testing from district of residence and/or educational therapist or neuropsychologist. Must include Cognitive Ability assessment such as Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC) and Academic Achievement Assessments such as the Woodcock-Johnson Achievement Test or Wechsler Intelligence Achievement Test (WIAT)
- Most recent Reports Cards
- "Interested Families" Packet: Student Info, Consent to Share, Parent Questionnaire (Filled out online)
- Application Processing fee (\$125)

During the 2nd phase, the admission team will look through collected information, and contact professional and/or educational references. If Hope seems like an appropriate environment for a child, we then evaluate if it is an appropriate academic placement.

The student will meet individually with the lead teachers for a Slingerland® screening* as well as benchmark testing in Language Arts and Math. The cost for the screening and testing is \$225. Parents will be given a copy of the screening results. (**this screening identifies children with specific language-based disabilities*)

During this 3rd phase, the admissions team will review the Slingerland® screening benchmarking to determine whether placement at Hope will be beneficial to the student. A meeting is then scheduled with parents to discuss whether Hope Academy will be a fit for their child.

In the 4th phase, if it is determined that placement at Hope Academy will be beneficial to the student, the director will meet with the parents to discuss the school's philosophy on educating children. This will be followed by an invitation for the child to visit the school for a day of classes. The 5th phase is when commitment and financial forms are provided for parents to sign and return, followed by set-up and activation of an online tuition account through FACTS. We also collect a \$200 enrollment fee at the end of this phase.

We understand that this intake process seems extensive, but a lot of thought has gone into it. We want to be confident that Hope Academy would be a good fit for your student before a commitment is made.

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Admissions Overview

PHASE I: INTRODUCTION

- Parents visit the school and speak with the director
- If parents find they would like to apply, they should obtain and submit the following to Hope Academy:
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PHASE II: ADMISSIONS TEAM EVALUATION (PART 1)

- Team reviews all the application, testing and recommendations to determine if Hope Academy might be an appropriate setting for the student.
- Team may call professional/educational references as permitted (“Consent to Share”).

PHASE III: ACADEMIC SCREENING & EVALUATION (PART 2)

- Student meets with a language arts teacher for a Slingerland® screening. (*\$225, due same day as screening*)
- Student meets with teachers for benchmark testing in Reading and Math computations.
- Hope Academy staff reviews and provides Slingerland® screening results to parents
- Team schedules a meeting with the parents to discuss if Hope Academy is an appropriate placement for your student

PHASE IV (IF HOPE ACADEMY IS APPROPRIATE): PARENT CONFERENCE / STUDENT VISIT

- Parents meet with admission team to discuss Hope Academy's educational approach
- Student visits Hope Academy for a day of classes
- Team and parents discuss feedback from student's visit

PHASE V: COMMITMENT & FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS

- Admission paperwork provided to Parents for review and signatures
- All agreements must be signed and returned to the office for enrollment to be accepted
- Enrollment fee (\$200)
- Parents must set up automatic tuition payments and activation of a payment plan through FACTS (or pay in full)

The admissions team strives to process each admission in a timely manner. We are not able to give an exact timeline. We understand that this intake process seems extensive, but a lot of thought has gone into it. We want to be confident that Hope Academy would be a good fit for your student before a commitment is made.