

ADMISSION

Valwood School seeks students of academic promise, strong character, and good citizenship who will take advantage of and contribute to the school's academic and extracurricular programs. Valwood admits students who are motivated to take advantage of outstanding educational and leadership opportunities and who are able to handle the demands of a college preparatory curriculum. The Admission Committee makes every effort to determine whether a candidate is both qualified for, and will be successful at, Valwood School.

ADMISSION POLICY

An application may be submitted at any time. For a mid-year admission, the application is processed immediately. If an application is received well in advance of the anticipated date of entry, the student will be considered pre-registered and his/her name will go into the general application pool. When applying for the next school year, an applicant will be considered for admission in the spring prior to the enrollment date for which they have applied. At that time, the admission process will be completed and then a student may be offered full admission to the school or can be placed on a wait list if the desired class is full. Students will only be placed on a wait list if they have been offered admission and are waiting for space to become available.

A child should turn four on or before September 1 to be eligible to enter the Pre-Kindergarten program.

A completed admissions package consists of a fully executed application; signed transcript request form; and complete records from previously attended schools. In addition, teacher recommendations, a student questionnaire, and placement testing may be required.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the above information being received, the applicant will complete a campus tour and meet with faculty, administration, and the Head of School. Students may also participate in a "Shadow Day" to become familiar with the routines and expectations at Valwood School.

For enrollment of the upcoming year, the Admission Committee will meet to determine which students can best enhance the Valwood School student body, taking into consideration previous school activities, recommendations, testing, and any other relevant criteria. Offers of admission are based, in part, on academic credentials, personal recommendations, comprehensive previous school records and interviews. Furthermore, when considering an applicant for admission, Valwood gives consideration to whether siblings are attending, or have attended, Valwood School; other family alumni relationships with the school; and family relationships with current faculty or staff.

The Admission Committee meets throughout the year for additional enrollment for classes with available space.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Valwood is committed to breaking down the barrier created by concerns regarding affordability. In an effort to open our doors to more families, we offer need-based assistance and competitive academic merit scholarships.

NEED-BASED ASSISTANCE

For all programs in this category, filing a Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) with School and Student Services (SSS) is required. It must be completed online. Once the PFS is received, the financial assistance office will determine which programs a family is qualified for in order to best meet their needs. All need-based financial assistance awards are for one year. Families will reapply through SSS each year during reenrollment.

General Financial Assistance: This program is designed to help meet the needs of the families whose income generally falls below \$85,000 per year. This program can award up to 75% of tuition. The amount of the award for a family will depend on both the income and expenses within the family, and will also depend on the availability of funds within the school's budget.

Tuition Tax Credit Scholarship Program HB1133: This Georgia Tax Credit Scholarship Program helps meet the needs of families whose income falls below \$85,000 per year. The child must have been enrolled in, and currently attending, a Georgia public school at the time of applying for admission to Valwood. A child who is a qualified Kindergarten student is eligible, regardless of where they attended the previous year. This award depends on both the income and expenses within the family as well as the size of the family. The amount of the HB1133 award also depends on availability of funds for the school during any given year.

ACADEMIC MERIT

The Betty Google Merit Scholarship is awarded to incoming students, generally in the Middle and Upper School grades, who have demonstrated high academic achievement and strong character. The scholarship provides for 50% of the student's tuition. This scholarship continues through graduation as long as the student demonstrates a continued commitment to high achievement and integrity. Students who qualify for this scholarship are invited to apply once their application for enrollment has been received and reviewed.

In accordance with the rules of our governing association, Valwood does not award any athletic scholarships.