



## Admissions Philosophy

We understand that applying for your child's school is one of the most important decisions you can make for your child and family. We strive to make it as easy, open, and friendly as possible. The goal of our admissions process is for your family to get to know Headwaters and for us to get to know you in order to determine if the Headwaters school is the right fit. At Headwaters, we value our unique, open-minded, and mutually respectful school culture as much as we value our rich, engaging academic environment. We are looking for families who share these values and who are committed to and excited about continual growth and development. We treasure our school, and we want our students, staff, and families to love it, too! Headwater students come from a variety of backgrounds (in terms of race, religion, nationality, and economic status) and school experiences (public education, traditional private, progressive private, charter, and homeschool). We seek students who are bright, creative, motivated, and compassionate.

We strive to maintain and enhance the balance of gender, age range, and special needs within our classes. Our Early Childhood & Elementary programs accept applications for a wide variety of students, while recognizing our limitations in meeting some highly specialized learning and emotional needs. Our admissions procedure will therefore take into account our ability to accommodate particular students' needs without disruption to our program. Students who have needs that fall within our ability to accommodate may be accepted with additional stipulations. We are happy to answer all of your questions about this process. The Headwaters Middle & High School is not staffed/trained to meet the needs of the students with serious learning issues; please see Headwaters [Philosophy on Learning Differences](#) for more information.

If you feel that the Headwaters School may be just what your family is looking for, I encourage you to begin the admissions process. You can find more detailed information along with the necessary links on the [Admissions Page](#) of our website ([www.headwaters.org](http://www.headwaters.org)).

The Headwaters School is quite a wonderful place. We hope that it is the right fit for your family. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at [admissions@headwaters.org](mailto:admissions@headwaters.org). I look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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