Charleston Day School

Admission Process Checklist

Admission Year 2027-2028

- **Submit an inquiry online at** https://www.charlestondayschool.org/admission-process/

- **Attend an Open House**
  We're delighted that your family is interested in learning more about Charleston Day School. We hope you will join us for one of our Open Houses, "The CDS Experience". Please register for one of these annual fall events, "The CDS Experience", online at https://toolkit.charlestondayschool.org/calendars/admission-calendar.

  During these events you will hear from our Head of School as well as current students and teachers, all while learning more about our rich curricular programs and established traditions that make our K-8 experience uniquely Charleston Day. Open Houses are not required but strongly recommended.

- **Schedule a campus tour**
  We view your child's education as a partnership, and we believe it is important to meet with you to understand your family's values and expectations for your child's educational experience, therefore, we require an individual tour in the year of your application. Part of the campus tour includes the Parent Interview. During this one-on-one time, families have a chance to have specific questions answered, and it provides an opportunity for us to learn more about you and your child.

- **Submit an application**
  Submit an application online at https://www.charlestondayschool.org/apply-now/ along with a $75.00 application fee. **Kindergarten Applications are due by January 1st for the February 12th notification, 1st-8th grade applications are due by February 1st to be considered for the March 12th notification.**

- **Schedule a Shadow Day/assessment for your child**
  Charleston Day School assesses applicants in a one-on-one setting with our individualized grade-level assessments. These assessments take place during Shadow Days for applicants to 1st through 8th grade. Applications must be submitted before Shadow Days are scheduled. 1st grade shadows will be a partial day, while 2nd-8th are full day shadows. For kindergarten applicants, one-on-one assessments will be given in January. As well as the one-on-one assessment, kindergarten applicants will be asked to come on a Saturday in January for a 45-min group assessment/play date.

- **Middle School Applicant Interviews**
  For applicants applying to 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, they will have a conversation with our Associate Head of School and/or our Head of School. Our goal is to admit students who can contribute to and benefit from the advantages offered by a CDS education. This interview provides an additional opportunity for applicants to ask questions. Student interviews are conducted as a part of their Shadow Day.

- **Admission Notification**
  Admission decisions communicated to Kindergarten families: **Friday, February 12th**
  Admission decisions communicated to 1st-8th grade families: **Friday, March 12th**

Questions? If you have questions or would like an update on the status of your application, please call our Admission Office at (843) 266-9799.

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