

CHRISTOPHER HOUSE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION 2015-2016 School Year

Christopher House Elementary Charter School is a part of a family of schools with the shared mission of helping children and their families thrive. From birth to eighth grade, we provide children access to the highest quality teachers, instructional methods, and curricula. When joining our school, you join a network designed to educate your children and provide support to your entire family.

At Christopher House we believe children and families succeed when:

- Children have access to a high quality education
- Parents have high standards and set high expectations for themselves, their children, and their schools
- Professionally trained teachers know their students as individuals
- Education begins at birth, with parents as the first teacher
- Data is the basis for evaluating educational outcomes and program adjustments
- Parents and staff work together to continuously evaluate and improve programs
- Parents and caregivers support children financially and emotionally

Elementary School Mission

Christopher House Elementary School develops independent, creative, lifelong learners in a school where students, teachers, and parents form a community committed to excellence, achievement and perseverance, respect and compassion. The rigorous college-prep curriculum develops critical thinkers who will succeed in elementary school, high school, college, and beyond.

Our educational approach includes:

- Whole child development that addresses social and emotional well-being and provides students access to arts and physical education.
- High expectations for students, including meeting and exceeding learning standards, attending Chicago's most competitive high schools and going on to graduate college.
- Meeting the needs of all learners including students with special needs, students in need of remediation and students with accelerated learning needs.
- Parental involvement that promotes:
 - The role of parent as the child's primary teacher.
 - A commitment to send your child to college.
 - Participation at parent orientations and conferences.
 - A commitment to dedicate time each evening to read with your child and provide homework support.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION:

- Proof of age must be submitted with your application. If you are applying for kindergarten for the 2015 school year your child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2015. Acceptable documents are a birth certificate, legal court guardian papers, or passport. Legal guardianship documents must be submitted if you are not the parent of the applicant or if you do not appear on the birth certificate.
- 2 forms of proof of Chicago residency must be submitted with your application. Acceptable forms of proof of residency are utility bill, state medical card, voter registration card, employer identification card, court documents, Illinois Public Aid card, Illinois state aid check or social security check, payroll stub, mortgage statement or deed, or other ID issued by a foreign consulate that indicates current address (for example, Matricula Consular). Rental leases/cell phones/credit card bills are not acceptable proof of residency. Bill must be recent and match the parent/guardian name completing the application.
- For the 2015 school year, applications will only be accepted for students entering kindergarten, first grade, second grade and third grade
- You must complete a separate application for each student applying to the charter school.

To be entered into the lottery for the 2015 school year, applications must be received by January 5, 2015.

Applying for 2015 school year

REQUIRED STUDENT AND FAMILY INFORMATION (please print):

Student First Name:		Student Middle Name:	
Student Last Name:			
Home Address:		Apt. #:	
Zip Code:			
Student Birth Date:	___/___/_____	Grade Applying for (circle one):	
		Kindergarten	First Second Third
Please list previous schools attended by student including preschool:	School(s):	Years Attended:	
Parent/Guardian Full Name:		Relationship to Student:	
Home Address:		Apt.#:	

(If different than above.)			
Zip Code:		Email:	
Daytime Phone:		Other Phone:	
Siblings Applying (only list those applying to the charter school):	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
What level of school do you hope for your child to complete?	<input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> Some College <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Year College Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Master's or Other Advanced Degree		
I, _____, certify that the information provided in the application is accurate and up-to-date. (name of person completing form, please print)			
Signature: _____		Date: ___/___/___	

Note: Illinois Charter School Law, preference for admission must be given to those who have siblings already enrolled at Christopher House Elementary School. If there are more sibling applications than there are available spots in a classroom, Christopher House Elementary Charter School will be required to hold a lottery of the sibling applications. Those siblings not admitted through the lottery will be put on the top of the waiting list for that classroom in the order that their names were drawn from the pool. If there are no spots available in a classroom, a lottery will still be held to determine the order of the siblings at the top of the waiting list for that classroom.

NEXT STEPS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

- If deemed necessary, the lottery will be held on February 21, 2015.
- If you are selected through the lottery to attend the school, YOU MUST COMPLETE ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK TO SECURE YOUR SPOT IN THE SCHOOL. This paperwork will be sent to you by mail after the lottery.
- YOU MUST NOTIFY CHRISTOPHER HOUSE OF ANY CHANGE IN CONTACT INFORMATION IN ORDER TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S ABILITY TO ENROLL IN THE SCHOOL.
- A non-refundable \$50 fee (half of the \$100 registration fee) will be due upon acceptance of a slot in the elementary school.

For questions regarding the elementary charter school or the application, please call 1-855-318-8285, or email info@christopherhouse.org

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Christopher House Elementary School Enrollment

Christopher House Elementary School is open to all residents of Chicago. Contact Christopher House directly at 773-922-7500 or come into our Christopher House Belden location (5235 W. Belden).

In order to enroll your child you will need the following documentation:

2 proofs of residency (Utility Bill, Parent State ID etc.)

Medical, Dental & Eye Exam

\$100 Registration Fee

Applications must be submitted in person.



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