



Academy School District Twenty
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School in the Woods Agreement

BEFORE submitting your child’s name to the School in the Woods lottery, we ask that **you and your child GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION** to the following points. **This form is part of the electronic D20 Choice Enrollment Application and must be agreed to and signed for your child’s name to be included in the lottery. One or both parents (guardians) and interested child must be willing to agree to these areas.**

- We have made **every effort** to attend the Virtual Choice Presentation offered by the School in the Woods (see school website). If we cannot attend the Virtual Choice Presentation, we will contact the school.
- I understand that School in the Woods is a unique educational program designed specifically for fourth grade students who have a deep interest in natural science. My child has demonstrated a strong interest and desire to spend the entire next school year learning in, about, and from the natural world.
- I understand that **safe, respectful, and responsible behavior is required at SITW at ALL TIMES.**
- I understand that the educational program at School in the Woods involves spending significant amounts of instructional time outdoors, in all seasons. My child demonstrates a high tolerance for natural outdoor settings including: direct contact with a variety of plants and terrain, varying weather conditions for extended periods of time, and exposure to environmental allergens (pollen, fungus spores, insects, etc.).
- I understand that attending School in the Woods would mean that my child would be leaving behind the familiar surroundings and possibly all friends at his or her present school. My child is aware and accepting of the social/emotional implications that may occur, and I am prepared to support him/her during the school year.
- I understand that my child will be taught by multiple teachers in varied student groupings throughout each school day, and flexibility is important. Given this community aspect to our program, I acknowledge that my child must **demonstrate responsible and safe behavior** in both indoor and outdoor settings at all times.
- I understand that any student services my child may have received thus far (SPED, TAG, academic support, counseling) may look different at SITW based on our limited instructional and support staff. I am prepared to partner with SITW staff to help my child be successful.
- I understand that the longer transportation times to and from SITW may impact before / after school activities.
- I understand that if my child’s name is drawn in the School in the Woods lottery, my child will be taking one of only seventy-eight places at the school, and their 4th grade spot at their present school may no longer be available (their fifth-grade spot is reserved). I understand that if my child’s name is drawn, my child is committed to attending the school for their entire fourth grade year. Once school begins, it is very challenging to replace students at School in the Woods.

I have discussed all the considerations above with my child. My child is ACTIVELY ENTHUSIASTIC about attending School in the Woods and is COMMITTED to attend the entire fourth grade year. My child really wants to attend!

THIS FORM DOES NOT NEED TO BE TURNED IN. IT IS FOR YOUR OWN USE IN DETERMINING THE ENTHUSIASM AND COMMITMENT OF YOUR CHILD.