



## Opal Beginning School for 2018-19

**AGES.** Opal Beginning School is for children ages 3-5. Children must be 3 years old by June 1, 2018 to be eligible for enrollment. Children must be able use the toilet independently (no diapers or pullups).

**APPLICATION.** To complete your application (attached), be sure to include a \$25 non-refundable application fee. Please make checks payable to: Portland Children's Museum and write in the memo line "Opal Beginning School Application" with your student's name. Mail the application and fee to: Portland Children's Museum, Attention: Opal School, 4015 SW Canyon Road, Portland OR 97221.

**ENROLLMENT.** Enrollment notification (via email) begins March 12, 2018.

**ANNUAL TUITION.** The annual tuition for 2018-19 is \$9,100 and is due even if you withdraw before June 2019. As a convenience to our families, you may make 8 monthly payments of \$910, with the first payment due by July 5. Your deposit will be applied after all payments are received.

**DEPOSIT.** To secure your child's placement, a non-refundable deposit of \$1,820 is due 10 days after placement is offered. If we do not receive your deposit within 10 days, we will offer placement to another child in the wait-pool.

**2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULE/CALENDAR.** Opal Beginning School has two classrooms, Cedar and Alder, which operate from September to June. The regular school day starts at 8:30am and ends at 1:30pm, Monday through Friday. AfterCare is offered, for an additional fee, until 5pm each day that school is in session. The school calendar is distributed with the Family Handbook in August. In general, we follow the Portland Public Schools calendar.

**CLASS SIZES.** The Cedar community has 17 children and 2 teachers; the Alder community has 20 children and 2 teachers.

**AFTERCARE.** Our licensed AfterCare program is offered, for an additional fee, until 5pm each day that school is in session. Enrollment is limited to 10 children. Registration forms will be available in August.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Opal Beginning School (for ages 3-5) and Opal Charter School (for grades K-5) share the same educational philosophy, however the enrollment process is very different. Applications for Opal Beginning School, a private early childhood program, are available beginning February 1. For Opal Charter School, a public charter elementary school, each student must apply through the lottery as required by law. To be eligible for the lottery, a student must be age 5 (for Kindergarten) by September 1. Enrollment in Opal Beginning School does **not** lead to enrollment in Opal Charter School.

**QUESTIONS.** Please direct any questions to the School Office at [office@opalschool.org](mailto:office@opalschool.org).

This application is also available online as an online form at <http://www.portlandcm.org/teaching-and-learning/opal-school/opal-beginning-school>



*Please complete every part of each section. Please print legibly.*

**Student Information**

Student First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Preferred Name
Date of Birth Must be age 3 by 6/1/18	Gender	Primary Language	Has your child attended another school or childcare center? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address		Ethnicity (choose all that apply)	
City / State / Zip		<input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

**AfterCare Option (for planning purposes)**  
**Registration and additional payment required upon enrolling in AfterCare**

Available until 5pm. Please Circle Days Needed: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**Contact Parent/Guardian Information**

Parent or Guardian (First & Last)	Relationship to Student	Employer & Occupation
Address		City State Zip
Email Address	Daytime Phone Number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work (     )     -		
How did you find out about Opal Beginning School?		
What attracts you to our learning approach?		

**Additional Information (for planning purposes)**

Yes  No Does your child have any special needs, restrictions or allergies?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No Does your child use any special equipment such as wheelchair, hearing aid, braces, etc? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No Is your child a sibling of a current or former Opal School student?  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_

If your child has attended another school or childcare center, please give us more information below.

Most recent school or child care center	Please describe that experience, and your reason for leaving.
Prior school or child care center	Please describe that experience, and your reason for leaving.

Parent or Guardian Signature	Date
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# OPAL BEGINNING SCHOOL

## Application for 2018-19 School Year

*Please read and initial these important items:*

\_\_\_\_\_ I attended an Open House on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I read about Opal School's mission, values and guiding principles on the website.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand this is an application to Opal Beginning School. Priority is given to returning students and their siblings. Enrollment decisions are based on balancing classrooms for gender, age and diversity. Decisions are not based on the order the application is received.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I will be notified of my child's placement or wait-pool status by March 12, or within 30 days of the School Office receiving this application **and fee**.

\_\_\_\_\_ If my child is offered placement, I will receive an enrollment packet via email. I understand that enrollment is not finalized until I return the forms and the non-refundable security deposit within 10 days.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the \$1,820 deposit secures placement in the program and is non-refundable.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am responsible for the full year's tuition amount of \$9,100 even if I withdraw my child before the end of the school year.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the pedagogy of Opal School and support its research and dissemination. I understand that documentation of my child's learning - including but not limited to notes, photos and audio and video recordings - may be published in all media and may be available to the general public.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the tuition covers only a portion of the operating costs and I will be invited to contribute to fundraising efforts or volunteer in the classroom.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that enrollment in Opal Beginning School (a private early childhood program) does not lead to enrollment in or give lottery preference for Opal Charter School (a public elementary program).

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