

**AGES.** Opal Beginning School enrolls children ages 3-5. Children must be 3 years old by September 1, 2020 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 mail to  
Opal School  
4015 SW Canyon Rd  
Portland OR 97221

Write "Opal Beginning School Application" in the memo line with your student's name.

**ENROLLMENT.** Enrollment notification (via email) begins March 16, 2020.

**ANNUAL TUITION.** The annual tuition for 2020-21 is \$9,900 and is due even if you withdraw before June 2021. As a convenience to our families, you may make monthly payments of \$990, 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 \$1,980 is due 10 days after enrollment is offered. If we do not receive your deposit within 10 days, we will offer enrollment to another child in the wait-pool.

**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/opalschool>. Read to the bottom of that webpage and follow the link for Opal Beginning School.

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PLEASE COMPLETE EACH SECTION. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

STUDENT INFORMATION			
FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME	PRIMARY LANGUAGE
PREFERRED NAME	GENDER	DATE OF BIRTH (MUST BE 3 BY SEPT 1)	ETHNIC, RACIAL OR CULTURAL HERITAGE
Address		City	State Zip
PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION			
PARENT / GUARDIAN #1		PARENT / GUARDIAN #2	
RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT		RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SAME ADDRESS AS STUDENT	
FIRST AND LAST NAME		FIRST AND LAST NAME	
DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER		DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER	
PREFERRED EMAIL ADDRESS		PREFERRED EMAIL ADDRESS	
EMPLOYER / OCCUPATION		EMPLOYER / OCCUPATION	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES Has your child attended another school <input type="checkbox"/> NO or childcare center?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES Is this child a sibling of a current or former <input type="checkbox"/> NO Opal School Student? Name:	
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.		
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT OPAL BEGINNING SCHOOL?			
WHAT ATTRACTS YOU TO OUR LEARNING APPROACH?			



# OPAL BEGINNING SCHOOL

APPLICATION FOR 2020-21

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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***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 application is for 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 16, 2020, or within 30 days of the School Office receiving this application **and fee**.

\_\_\_\_\_ If my child is offered enrollment, 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 \$1,980 deposit secures placement in the program and is non-refundable.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I am responsible for the full year's tuition amount of \$9,900 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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