



# High Desert Montessori School

## **Some things to remember about securing a spot at our school**

- Filling out the “Letter of Interest” and submitting it is the first step in obtaining a spot at High Desert Montessori Charter School
- Preference is given in the following order:
  - Children of staff members
  - Siblings of students already enrolled
  - 15 % of children applying from the neighborhood is offered
  - Any child moving here from another Montessori School
  - The remainder of selected students are on a First Come/First Serve basis
- You have to reapply each year. There is an area on the “Letter of Interest” that asks which year you are applying for. If you write 2016/17 and you don't get accepted, you need to either fill out a new form for 2017/18 **or** call the enrollment office and let them know you want to change the year on your form.
- The sooner you get your "Letter of Interest" in, the better your chance of securing a spot
- You must attend one of the two seminars we hold each year. We have one in January and another one in May. Just because you attend though does not promise you a spot. That will be determined upon how many spots we will have available.
- Letters of Acceptance and waiting list letters don't go out until mid-March
- If you are trying to gain a space in our Prekindergarten you must pick a program. ( Half day, school day, extended day/school year or extended day/year round) It is important that we know in advance what you are looking for. We have space limitations.

- The higher the grade, the more difficult it is to secure a spot. We have fewer and fewer spots available as the grades get higher.
- No private tours will be conducted unless you are within the top 3 placements on our waiting list. Attending a Parent Seminar is an opportunity to tour the school with a group.
- If your child is currently being served by the WCSD Special Education Dept. and has an IEP, it will need to be reviewed by our Special Education teacher before an offer is fully accepted. We do not have all the services that the School District does and we have space limitations. The enrollment office will direct you in making this appointment.