FAQ: Kindergarten Sibling Applications

We are delighted that you are considering Keys School for another child in your family. Here is some information to make the application process as smooth as possible.

What are the important admission dates?

- January 7, 2027 – Application Deadline
- January 22, 2027 – Teacher/Head Recommendation Forms must be received
- February 4, 2027 – Early Decision for Kinder Sibling Applicants
- March 11, 2027 – Admission Decisions Published

When do current families receive decisions?

As a Keys Family applying to Kindergarten, you may receive your admission decision early when re-enrollment contracts are sent out to current families on **February 5th** provided that you follow two time-sensitive application requirements:

- When the Campus Playdate registration opens up in November, please sign up for the first scheduled session on Tuesday, January 12th.
- All application steps, except for the playdate, must be marked complete by January 7, 2027.

Please note that if you receive an early decision, the enrollment agreement, deposit, and new student fee for your child will be due the same day as the re-enrollment agreement and deposit are due. If you wish to receive your decision with the general applicant pool on March 11th instead of getting an early decision, please contact the Admission Department directly to let us know.

Do I need to participate in a parent/guardian conference?

Yes. In order to maintain equity in our admission process, all families are required to complete a Parent/Guardian Conference.

Is my child the right age to apply to kindergarten?

Many factors are considered regarding a student's age and readiness to come to Keys. Our Admission Committee thinks deeply about a child's developmental readiness with regard to their kindergarten year and also their entire tenure at Keys. As we strive to ensure that students have strong peer-to-peer relationships and learning experiences, we take into consideration both the individual needs of a student as well as the class as a whole. If the Admission Committee feels that a child would benefit from an additional year in preschool or a Young Fives Program, we will share that decision with you. We invite you to discuss this topic with us if you have any questions regarding developmental readiness.

What is Keys' approach to sibling applications?

At Keys, we appreciate the value of keeping whole families in our community. We also want to foster the success of each child within our program. To ensure this, our Admission Committee considers each student individually when determining whether Keys is the right school for them. We pay careful attention to the balance of the classroom, and offer siblings admission to Keys if we truly feel they will thrive. While we cannot guarantee admission, we intend to serve each child and family to the best of our ability. We strive to honor our commitment to you by providing every applicant with a thoughtful admission process and decision.

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