

# 2025-2026 Enrollment NOW OPEN for Prospective Summit Students!

## **GREETINGS FROM ADMISSIONS**

We are thrilled that you are interested in furthering your child(ren)'s education at Summit Schools for the 2025-2026 school year, which marks Summit's 27<sup>th</sup> year as the premier choice in local education!

We recognize the investment you make in your child(ren)'s education and we are grateful your family is considering Summit Schools. As class sizes around our area continue to increase, Summit remains steadfast in its commitment to offer small class sizes and personalized education.

### CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT

At Summit Schools, we value a sustained, long-term partnership with families in the education of their children. A seamless transition from grade to grade, pod to pod, provides a consistent, thorough progression through your child's academic journey. Because of this philosophy, Summit Schools is pleased to offer a concept in enrollment management called Continuous Enrollment. In future years, you will simply notify Summit of your enrollment status for each upcoming year the week that school is back in session after the winter break in our online enrollment.

#### 2025-2026 ENROLLMENT

Classrooms tend to fill quickly at Summit, so it is recommended that you complete the online enrollment process as soon as possible. Enrollment will be handled on a first come, first served basis. In order to reserve a seat for the upcoming school year, families must follow these online enrollment steps.

Step 1: <u>Request information</u> and schedule a tour.

Step 2: You will be invited to complete an application with a non-refundable deposit to secure your place on our waiting list or in one of our classrooms, whichever is applicable, and to complete a <u>financial aid application</u> (if applicable).

Step 3: You will be invited to a student classroom visit before enrollment is confirmed (during school year only). Step 4: Enrollment acceptance.

Enrollment is not guaranteed until all the steps above have been completed. Please see the Tuition and Fees Schedule for information regarding submitting contracts, deposits, and paying fees for the 2025-2026 school year.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### Families wishing to apply for financial aid should submit an <u>online application</u> by Wednesday, February 5,

**2025.** Summit's financial aid is limited to two pools: income-based and special case-based. Income-based financial aid comes from our STO. Our STO enables us to provide funding to eligible families whose income during the previous calendar year (determined by most recently completed tax information) does not exceed an amount equal to four times the most recently published federal poverty guidelines.

This number can vary each year and the most recent guidance is located on the Summit website. It is a goal (but not a guarantee) of the financial aid committee to offer financial aid awards that adjust tuition within 10% of the family's AGI. It is recommended that families submit their application as soon as possible as availability of funds is not guaranteed. There is a \$45 online processing fee.

Summit will reserve a seat for families applying for financial aid until the date specified on the financial aid offer letters, when applicants have the ability to accept or decline awards.

Please note the following important Financial Aid deadlines:

- o Financial Aid <u>online application</u> and supporting documents due Wednesday, February 5, 2025
- o Financial Aid Award Letters distributed on or around March 1, 2025
- o Enrollment Contracts for families applying for financial aid due by the specified date on the financial aid offer letters

Families are also encouraged to apply for the **State of Iowa's** <u>Students First Education Savings Accounts</u> (ESA) in mid-April through June 30 of each year. Please check the ESA website for eligibility and important dates.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT 2025-2026**

We are anticipating **full enrollment** in most of the classes for the upcoming school year and families are encouraged to enroll online as soon as possible in order to ensure a spot for your child.

In order to maintain our small class size, we anticipate creating a wait pool. Even if there are no current openings, we encourage families to go through the application process to enter the wait pool so that they are ready should an opening occur. If space becomes available, we look to the wait pool to add to our current classroom community.

We will send out your child(ren)'s teacher assignment when back to school emails are sent in early August. As always, no teacher assignments will be promised or confirmed until our enrollment is finalized. Placements are made at the discretion of school administration and may be determined by the current school census.

- Please see our Tuition and Fees Schedule for updated financial information.
  - Our school day schedule will be as follows:
    - o 7:15 8:20 AM Extended Day (optional pre-registration required)
    - o 8:30 3:30 School Day
    - o 3:30 5:30 PM Extended Day (optional pre-registration required)

### **QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions about the admissions process or about the programs offered, please contact us. Thank you again for your interest in Summit Schools!

Sincerely,

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