

Nittany Valley Charter School
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Nittany Valley Charter School Application for Admission

To be included in this year's lottery, applications must be received by April 30, 2012. Applications received after that date will be given a place on the waiting list in the order they were received.

Please provide the following information and return the completed application to NVCS.
All information will be kept confidential.

Student Information

Name _____

Address _____

Birth Date _____

Grade for 2011-2012 School Year _____

Grade for 2012-2013 School Year _____

School District of Primary Residence _____

Does this student have a sibling currently enrolled at NVCS? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please give the sibling's name _____

Parent Information

Parent's Name(s) _____

Address (If different than student) _____

Parent's Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Business Phone (mother) _____ (father) _____

Please read and sign the attached Mission Statement and Parent Participation Statement. Applications will not be considered complete without these signed documents!

It is a requirement of the Nittany Valley Charter School that students and their parents understand and are in agreement with the mission of the school. Please read the following mission statement carefully and sign below.

The mission of the Nittany Valley Charter School is:

- To provide a flexible learning environment with small classes and a high teacher-student ratio where individualized instructional programs are designed to meet the needs of the whole child. We believe that school must be able to accommodate each child's individual learning style and developmental pace, and respond not only to their intellectual needs, but equally importantly to their emotional, social, and physical needs.
- To provide opportunities for students to interact with a variety of instructional materials, as well as to stress the importance of learning from each other, from adults, and from community resources. We believe experiences outside the traditional classroom setting are an essential component of learning.
- To involve parents as an integral part of the overall school program.
- To integrate the learning process with a personal understanding of the natural environment.

Our vision is a school where individualized instruction, small classes, and a flexible, open classroom environment encourages the development of an intrinsic motivation to learn. This offers the opportunity for the academic success of all students and also contributes to the essential character traits of self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-sufficiency.

I/We read the Nittany Valley Charter School mission statement and agree with the school mission. I/We read and agree to the Parent Participation Policy.

Parent Signature _____

Parent Participation Policy

With the understanding that parent involvement is an integral part of each child's education, Nittany Valley Charter School requires parent participation in our school and in your child's education. The total number of hours required for each school year (July1-June30) for each child enrolled in NVCS is as follows:

One child with two involved parents: 36 hours and for each additional child add 18 hours.

One child with one involved parent: 18 hours and for each additional child add 9 hours.

These parent participation hours may be achieved through two main routes: School centered and Child centered.

School Centered

First, parents are involved in the decision making and running of the school through the Board of Trustees and committee involvement. We encourage volunteer opportunities that actively involve parents in student learning such as classroom volunteer, fieldtrip chaperone, occupation show-and-tell, and after school enrichments. Other duties may include but are not limited to fund raising, school maintenance, lunch duty or clerical duties.

In addition, parents are encouraged to attend all of the school activities which might include: Curriculum night, Back to school night-meet the teachers, Math, Reading or Writing Night, Science Fair, Fine Arts Night, Before School Potluck, Fall Carnival, Winter Diversity Celebration, or End of school bar-b-q.

Child Centered

This component incorporates any time that the parent spends with the child regarding their education and learning environment. This also includes any time spent reviewing the Friday folder, tests, or homework or any educational family time such as reading together, playing scrabble, math games, etc. The list of opportunities here is endless.

Up to one half of the total hours may be completed with child centered activities. The hours must be logged in the Parent Participation notebook to receive credit for this time.

I have read the parental volunteer requirements and will be willing to fulfill the volunteer requirements if my child is enrolled.