

Lottery Application and Instructions

Instructions for the 2025-2026 Application for the Journey School Lottery (or “Lottery Application”)

GENERAL INFO

Application Requirements

Thank you for applying to Journey School’s 2025-2026 Lottery. Journey School will conduct a different lottery for each of our 3 programs. The Seat-based Lottery will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. The Independent Study Lotteries will be held consecutively on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Please complete one online Lottery Application for each child you wish to enroll. All sections of the application must be completed for an application to be processed.

1. A Journey School lottery is a random, public drawing. All are invited; however, attendance is not mandatory. The 2025 Lotteries will be held via Zoom, unless they are moved to an on-campus event. Details will be emailed to applicants after an application window closes.
2. Open Enrollment (Lottery window) for Seat-based students will close at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2025. The deadline for Independent Study Hybrid and Homebased Applications is Wednesday, March 12, 2025. See the Submission Requirements section below for complete submission instructions.
3. Applications that have not been submitted by the Open Enrollment deadlines will not be eligible for their respective lottery.
4. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for the lottery.
5. Applications received after the Open Enrollment (lottery) window, are subject to being entered into a post-enrollment application lottery prior to being added to a waitlist.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Journey School does not discriminate based on race, sex, religion, disability, national origin, gender identity, nor on any other basis prohibited by law, in its admission policy, or in the conduct of its educational, recreational, athletic, or aid programs.

Age Eligibility for the Lottery

For the 2025-2026 Journey School year, applicants must be turning 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2025, to be considered for the lottery at Journey School. Please refer to the [2025-26 Age Guidelines by DOB](#) or to the Age Requirements summary below for more details.

Residency

The Student must be a resident of the State of California to be eligible to enroll in a California Charter School. To enroll in an Independent Study program within the State of California, the student must live in the same county as, or in an adjacent county to, the Charter School. In addition:

1. Lottery preference will be given to those who reside in the Capistrano Unified School District. District boundaries can be found on the school finder section of CUSD’s website at <https://www.capousd.org/Schools/School-Locator/index.html>.
2. Proof of Residency is required as part of the admissions process. Please see our **Residency Requirements** below for details.

The following are instructions for completing the Lottery Application. If you have any questions about the application process, please email info@journeyschool.net.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's Name

Please provide your child's complete legal name including his/her middle name as indicated on his/her birth certificate.

Grade-Level Placement

At the pinnacle of the Waldorf curriculum is developmentally appropriate learning that is geared toward the whole child – mentally, physically, and emotionally. Therefore, it is of particular importance that students are placed in a grade according to our *Grade Placement by Date of Birth Guidelines*. For a quick view of our age requirements, please see our *Age Requirements* summary below. Please note that due to high enrollment demand, we do not make exceptions to this policy.

FAMILY INFORMATION

Please complete the following parent/guardian information:

1. Current address and contact information.
2. Indicate with whom your child lives. If your child has two residences, please state where your child resides most frequently.
3. Please list the contact name and the telephone numbers of the person you would like us to call regarding the application.
4. Please tell us how you heard about Journey School.

WALDORF EDUCATION INFORMATION

It is very important to the culture of Journey School that all parents/guardians are in alignment with our principles and guidelines. To help ensure this, we offer numerous parent education opportunities throughout the school year. The "Prospective Parents" section of our website is also an excellent resource for literature and videos about Waldorf Education. We encourage parents to be fully informed about Waldorf Education prior to making a decision about applying to Journey School. To this end, our *Lottery Application* process includes the following *requirements* and *confirmations*:

1. At least one parent or guardian must attend a virtual Journey School Tour/Information Session in order for an application to be eligible for the lottery. You may sign up for a Virtual School Tour/Information Session by visiting the homepage of the school website at www.journeyschool.net or you may use the link within the application.
2. Parent/guardian must acknowledge that they have read the *Journey School Parent Partnership Agreements*.
3. Parent/guardian must acknowledge that they have read the *Journey School Handbook*.
4. *Proof of California Residency* must be uploaded with the completed application. See below for more information.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Children who turn six years old by June 1st are considered for first grade the following September. Recognizing that children do not develop and mature at the same rate, we look at three major development areas: large and small motor development, language development and social/emotional behavior. The responsibility for the

assessment lies with the kindergarten teachers and the first grade teacher. Below is a summary of our grade placement guidelines:

Jr. TK (JTK)	6/1/21 – 9/01/21
Sr. TK (STK)	9/1/20 – 5/3/21
Jr. Kindergarten (JK)	6/1/20 – 8/31/20
Sr. Kindergarten (SK)	6/1/19 – 5/31/20
1st Grade	6/1/18 – 5/31/19
2nd Grade	6/1/17 – 5/31/18
3rd Grade	6/1/16 – 5/31/17
4th Grade	6/1/15 – 5/31/16
5th Grade	6/1/14 – 5/31/15
6th Grade	6/1/13 – 5/31/14
7th Grade	6/1/12 – 5/31/13
8th Grade	6/1/11 – 5/31/12

BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Journey School is required by law to request a document that shows the date and city of a child's birth. To this end, parents are asked to submit their child's birth certificate or other qualifying proof of birth upon applying. If you have questions about alternative forms of documentation email info@journeyschool.net.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Journey School is chartered under the Capistrano Unified School District and gives placement preference to students who reside within its boundaries. Adequate documentation is required to ensure the correct lottery preference. The following items may be used to provide *Proof of California Residency* for the student's address:

- Current gas, electric, water OR sewage bill – Must be the full bill, show the service address or location; current within the last 60 days and in at least one of the Caretaker's names. We cannot accept DISCONNECTION, FINAL, OR SHUT-OFF NOTICES.
- Current mortgage statement – Must be the full statement, show the property address; within the last 60 days and be in one of the Caretaker's names.
- Current lease agreement – Must identify the current address, tenant's name(s), the terms (dates include) of the lease as well as the signature page with both LANDLORD AND TENANT signatures. We are unable to accept month-to-month lease agreements that are not dated within the last 60 days.
- Property Tax Statement – Must have at least one Caretaker's name and the address.
- Voter Registration Card – This cannot be the application. It must be the actual card.
- Pay Stub – Must have at least one Caretaker's name and the address.
- Letter from a Government Agency – This must have at least one Caretaker's name and the address.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions for Kindergarten (all ages) through 12th grade and all 7th graders before entry. All applicants to the Journey School lottery must be fully compliant with the expectations and requirements of the State of California in order for their child to be admitted to the school. Parents will be required to upload a copy of their child's most current immunization record as part of the application process. If the uploaded documents show that your child is not fully compliant with state law, parents will be required to submit updated documents at the time of school registration. Journey School does not offer conditional enrollment for students who are pending immunizations. If a student is offered placement and it is found that they will not be in full compliance by the first day of school, the child will be removed from enrollment. Visit ShotsForSchool.org for more information.