

2021 - 2022 Enrollment Timeline

The following outlines the dates, times, and functions for all enrollment activity for current and prospective students in grades Kindergarten through Eighth. For the 2021 - 2022 school year, we will offer Grades Kindergarten through Fifth at our Bloomington Campus and Grades Kindergarten through Eighth at our Richfield Campus.

Current SHPA Students

The school will assume all currently enrolled SHPA students intend to return for the 2021 - 2022 school year. All SHPA students will remain enrolled (for grades K-8) for the upcoming school year **unless we receive one or a combination of the following:**

- A *Student Withdrawal Form* that has been completed for the student by a parent or legal guardian.
- A formal request for student records is received from a different school.
- A student does not attend class for 14 consecutive school days. The student will then be unenrolled on the morning of the 15th day. This does include ALL absences due to vacations. If a spot at SHPA is lost because of consecutive absences, you will need to reapply through SchoolMint and will be placed at the bottom of your respective grade-level wait list(s) in the order it was received – no exceptions.

November 1, 2020: NEW AND RETURNING APPLICANTS

The parents/guardians of prospective students will have the ability to enter SchoolMint between **November 1, 2020 – January 15, 2021** to apply for the campuses and grades of their choice for the 2021 – 2022 school year. This step does not confirm admission in to SHPA. All applications received during this period **will be** included in the lottery. Any applications received after January 15, 2021 **will not be** included in the lottery and will be placed at the bottom of the wait list, for the requested grade level, in the order received after the lottery is held. If applying for twins/multiples or siblings in different grades, you will need to fill out a separate Enrollment Interest Form for each student. **It is important to note that applying for more than one student, as a new applicant, does NOT qualify you for sibling preference (“Seven Hills Sibling attending”).** However, should one sibling get accepted, we will need to receive a completed and SHPA-staff verified application for the accepted student in order to activate sibling preference for the other sibling(s) enrolled in SchoolMint. The only exception will be for multiple births. We will keep all multiple births together.

November 1, 2020: CURRENT SHPA FAMILIES AND SHPA STAFF

Our current families and SHPA teachers/staff members will qualify for "Seven Hill Sibling Attending," or "Employee Child," Preference, respectively. These preferences will be honored across all three schools. Any current SHPA family and/or SHPA employee, that has applied during the Open Enrollment period, will go through the lottery AND have first opportunity at any grade level openings. If there are no openings, they will move to the top of the wait list of the requested grade. We will fill with siblings first, following with children of staff. Siblings eligible for preference are understood as children who genetically or legally share a common parent or guardian; this includes step-siblings and foster children. However, this **does not** include cousins, nephews, nieces, family friends, etc.

In order to have the first opportunity at potential grade-level openings, all Seven Hills siblings and child(ren) of staff members will need to complete an application through SchoolMint during Open Enrollment (November 1, 2020 through January 15, 2021). If multiple siblings are applying, each student will need a separate SchoolMint application.

A charter school shall give enrollment preference to a sibling of an enrolled pupil and to a foster child of that pupil's parents and may give preference for enrolling children of the school's staff before accepting other pupils by lot – Charter Schools, Minn. Stat. § 124D.10 (2012)

Current SHPA Students and Inter Campus Transfers (Kindergarten through Fifth Grade)

A student wishing to transfer to another SHPA campus will have to complete a separate enrollment application, through SchoolMint, for the campus your student wants to transfer to. If you do not have a current sibling at the campus you are wishing to transfer to, this request will be handled as a new applicant with no family preference granted. **If the student has a current sibling at the desired campus, SHPA sibling preference can be applied.** Please note that the student will maintain their current enrollment until which time the inter campus transfer can be executed.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR NEW AND CURRENT FAMILIES: The process of enrolling your new student in SchoolMint, whether during Open Enrollment or post Open Enrollment, does not guarantee or secure a spot at SHPA. This is only the first step in the enrollment process.

Enrollment Events for the 2021 - 2022 Open Enrollment Season: In response to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, SHPA **will not** be hosting the following in-person enrollment events this fall/winter:

- Open Houses for Richfield Campus or Bloomington Campus Elementary Schools
- Open House for Richfield Campus Middle School
- Kindergarten Round Up

The SHPA Enrollment Team, with guidance from our SHPA Administrative Team, will continue to monitor the pandemic situation through the school year. Based on current MDH and CDC guidelines and SHPA Administration guidance of the time, we will continue to evaluate the safety and feasibility of in-person events as we approach the Spring/Summer of 2021. We thank you for your understanding.

In lieu of these events, we invite you to visit our [Admissions website](#) and view our Spring 2020 virtual productions to learn more about SHPA. For our prospective elementary school students, you can view our 2020 Virtual Kindergarten Round Up (Richfield and Bloomington). For our prospective middle school students, you can view the Middle School Sixth Grade Virtual Tour.

January 15, 2021: Open Enrollment Deadline

Families interested in our lottery must have submitted their SchoolMint applications by **January 15, 2021** in order to qualify for the lottery. Any SchoolMint applications that are submitted after this date will be placed at the bottom of the wait list(s) in the order that they were received; once the lottery has taken place – no exceptions.

February 2021: Lottery

Grade-level lotteries will be held for the 2021 - 2022 school year in February 2021. **We will have three separate lotteries:**

- **Bloomington Campus Elementary (K - 5)**
- **Richfield Campus Elementary (K - 5)**
- **Richfield Campus Middle School (6 - 8)**

After the lottery is held for each grade level, a communication will be sent to the parent/guardian indicating your child's enrollment or wait list placement. We will begin the enrollment process on March 2021 and will carry into the following school year.

Mid-Year Openings and Placement

SHPA will fill openings in classrooms from the grade level wait list(s), as they become available.