

Application for Out-of-Age Child to Attend Class

Policy

For each class, the curriculum is set by the instructor. Instructors determine which age ranges that they feel their class curriculum is best suited for. We work with ages instead of grades because homeschoolers tend to be a very flexible group when it comes to grades. A child may be working at one grade level for math and another for social studies. Age seems to work best for us (RSA) because it encompasses a general academic fit, general emotional maturity, and peer interaction.

Cut off date for class ages is September 30th each year.

All children that fall within the stated age range by September 30th of the school year are eligible to register for the class, regardless if they will age out of the class before the end of the school year.

We do recognize that some children may benefit from a class even if that child falls outside the age range. For this reason, we have a policy in place that allows the parents to request a waiver for their out-of-age children to attend the class.

Because we want to give children within the age range the first opportunity to attend a class, we will accept applications but will not make any decision until **July 16th** prior to the start of the school year. We do accept requests on a rolling basis, so if you file the request, it will be reviewed within about a week of submitting the application, if it is past this deadline.

The decision is made by a small committee which includes the instructor. No request will be granted that is submitted directly to the instructor. All requests must be made through the proper application process.

When making the decision the committee is considering:

- Is this a good fit for the student?
- Information provided by the parent as to the readiness of the child.
- Is there a comparable class in the student's own age range?
- Is this a good fit for class dynamics? (The committee must consider the other students already registered for the class.)
- How close to the age range is the student AND what are the overall ages of the other registered students (for instance in a 10-13 year old class, are they mostly 10-11 year olds or are they mostly 12-13 year olds?)
- Will this unduly burden the instructor?

Application for Age Waiver:

Parent's Full Name:

Student's Age:

Student's Full Name:

Student's DOB:

Class:

Instructor:

Please answer each question as accurately as possible as we are all trying to find a good placement for your child. Some questions may be more or less relevant to a particular subject, but please answer each one.

Is your child Older or Younger than the recommended age for this class?

Does your child have any experience being in a classroom setting or any social situations with children who are the recommended age for this class?

How would you describe your child's maturity compared to other children of the same age?

Does your child tend to gravitate toward older kids, same-age kids, or younger-age kids?

Does your child have any prior experience in this class subject?

How is your child's manual dexterity compared to other children of the same age? Handwriting, use of scissors or tools, folding paper, stringing beads, etc.?

Is your child reading at approximately age level?

How would you describe your child's temperament?

shy/quiet

somewhere in between

outgoing/talkative

How does your child learn best?

By Seeing

By Doing

By Hearing

By Reading & Writing

How well does your child do working independently?

How well can your child follow directions? Can your child do one step, then the next? Or does your child need help understanding what to do after completing the first step?

Can your child remember that homework has been assigned, then remember to do it and bring it in next week?

How comfortable does your child feel asking questions or asking the instructor for help?

Is there anything else you would like to add about your child? This could include personality, interests, educational needs, or any experience they have had that you think would be relevant.