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## Application Information for the 2010-11 School Year

SunRidge School is a Waldorf methods charter school within the Twin Hills Union School District. Our classes are small (18—24), and our curriculum emphasizes developmentally appropriate attention to academic skills within a holistic context that includes art, music, drama, foreign language, movement, and handwork. We have an involved, supportive parent body, a talented and dedicated faculty, and a collaborative model of governance. We serve approximately 200 students in grades K–8.

Enrollment in a charter school is a choice made by parents to participate in the alternative educational approach offered by that charter school. For this reason, it is essential that interested parents become knowledgeable about SunRidge's approach to education so that they can make an informed decision about whether it matches what they want for their child. For this reason, our enrollment process includes the following:

### **February 8 - March 8, 2010: Open Enrollment Period**

Applications must be received during this open enrollment period in order to be considered. Order of receipt of applications during the open enrollment period is not a factor in the application process.

**Thursday, February 25, 6:30-8:30pm, or Saturday, March 6, 10:00am – 12:00 noon (mandatory):** Applicant Orientation to SunRidge School. These presentations will provide essential information and answer questions about the school. **Attendance at one of these orientations is mandatory.** Sign up by calling 824-2844.

### **Kindergarten Visits** (optional):

Visits to our kindergartens (we have two kindergarten classes) can be made by appointment. Please call 824-2844 to sign up for an available time.

### **Wednesday, February 24, or Friday, March 5: Walk-Through-the-Grades** (optional)

Interested parents may participate in a guided tour of grades 1-8 on either of these two days. The "walk through" begins at 9:00am and takes approximately 1.5 hours. You must sign up in advance by calling 824-2844.

Following the open enrollment period, a lottery will be held for each class that has more applicants than available spaces, resulting in a waiting list showing order of enrollment for available spaces. Applicants will be offered a family conference/interview based on their order on this list. This conference is a requirement of the enrollment process.

Once an applicant has completed all steps of the application and enrollment process (application form, orientation presentation, and family conference), and a space has been offered, the space must be accepted in writing by signing and returning the *Agreement of Parent Expectations* within 10 calendar days, or the space may be offered to the next person on the list.

Those remaining on the waiting list will be notified in order if additional spaces open up either before the school year begins or during the school year. Waiting lists will remain in effect for only the year of application. Those currently on the 2009-10 waiting list must reapply for the 2010-11 school year in order to be included on the new list for next year.