



Preparing for the WISE Student Application

A guide to help you complete the application with care and confidence

Overview

This guide is shared with families before beginning the WISE student application so you may prepare thoughtfully and complete the application with care and confidence.

It is our hope that by reviewing this document first, you will feel oriented, unhurried, and well prepared when you begin the live application.

What This Guide Is:	What This Guide Is Not:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A preview of the questions included in the WISE student application• A way to gather information and reflect in advance• A tool to help you complete the application in one sitting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The application itself• Something you submit• A place where answers are saved

Time & Preparation:

Most families spend **45-75 minutes** completing the application. We strongly encourage beginning the application when you have uninterrupted time, as progress may not be saved.

When to begin the live application:

Once you have:

1. Reviewed the sections below
2. Taken time to reflect on the questionnaire questions
3. Gathered the information you need

You will complete the [actual application online](#) once you are ready.

1. About Your Child

This section of the application gathers essential information about your child to support enrollment, placement, and communication. You will be asked to provide your child's:

Identity and Enrollment Details:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal name and preferred name (<i>if different</i>) Gender Aboriginal status (<i>if applicable</i>) Whether any allergies apply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date of birth Intended enrollment year and grade Existing affiliations to The WISE - ie. sibling of current student, or child of The WISE alumni (<i>if applicable</i>)

Previous School Details (<i>if applicable</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name of current / last school attended Current / last grade completed Dates / years attended Previous teacher contact information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether your child has previously attended a Waldorf school Resident school board (<i>ie. Edmonton Public School Board</i>) Alberta Student Number (<i>if known</i>) Previous teacher name

Special Education Details (<i>if applicable</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current or past IPP issuance (Yes/No) Whether a psycho-educational assessment has been conducted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether your child has received any remedial assistance (<i>i.e speech, occupational, physical therapy etc.</i>) or specialized education funding (<i>i.e PUF, gifted, mild/moderate etc.</i>)

2. About Your Family:

This section helps us understand the family structure supporting your child and ensures we communicate clearly and appropriately.

Parent and Guardian Information:

Required Guardian Information:

- Guardian #1 Name and relationship to the student
 - Email & mobile, home phone
 - Residence address
- Whether the listed address is your child's primary or secondary address

Non-Required Guardian Information:

- Guardian #2 Name and relationship to the student:
 - Email & mobile, home phone
 - Residence address
- Whether the listed address is your child's primary or secondary address

Concerning Guardianship Orders

The application includes a question about whether a guardianship order is in place. This information affects how registration documents are signed later in the process. Please note that *if a placement offer is extended*:

One guardian's signature is required for student registration if:

- No guardianship order is in place, or
- A guardianship order is in place, and one guardian has *full educational decision-making authority*.

Both guardians' signatures are required for student registration if:

- A guardianship order is in place and decision-making authority is *shared between both guardians*.



3. Application Questionnaire:

This portion of the application invites you to share more fully about your child and family.

Purpose of the Questionnaire:

The questionnaire helps The WISE understand:

- Your child as a whole human being
- Your family's values and rhythms
- Whether our educational environment is a good fit

There are no "right" or "wrong" answers. These questions are not evaluative - they are relational.

Questions Asked in the Questionnaire Section:

We encourage you to answer the following questions thoughtfully and honestly, drawing from your lived experience with your child. Brief answers are welcome when appropriate, and longer reflections are invited where helpful.

1. *"Why are you choosing a Waldorf education for your child, and in what way do you feel your child will benefit from this education?"*
2. *"Briefly describe your child's personality and character."*
3. *"How does your child spend their free time? (i.e interest, hobbies, extracurricular activities etc.)"*

Questionnaire questions continue on the next page...

4. "What is your child's relationship with media, screen time and electronics, such as computers, tablets, smartphones, video games, TV, movies. (i.e topics/programs/genres, duration, frequency)"
5. "Please tell us about the family members who share a home with your child (name, age, relationship to your child)"
6. "What language(s) is (are) spoken at home?"
7. "Please briefly describe your child's experience in daycare, preschool, Kindergarten or grade school. (If applicable, indicate your reasons for transferring from another school)"
8. "Have there been any medical or psychological concerns, diagnosis or assessments that may affect your child's development, learning or ability to participate in classroom life?"
9. "Please explain the medical or psychological concerns, diagnosis or assessments your child has"
10. "Briefly describe how your child handles new experiences"
11. "Briefly describe any fears or anxieties your child experiences"
12. "Briefly describe your child's behaviour or personality within a structured group setting"
13. "Briefly describe your child's physical engagement in indoor and outdoor activities"
14. "Briefly describe how your child handles feelings of emotional dysregulation (i.e anger, sadness etc.) & what support you provide to move them through it."
15. "Briefly describe your child's physical, social-emotional and academic development and engagement with learning (i.e strengths/challenges.)"
16. "Briefly describe what qualities you would like to see strengthened in your child. Is there any other information you would like to share?"



4. Required Supporting Documentation:

Supporting documents are required to **finalize** applications after they are submitted. A submitted application remains in an incomplete state until all required documents have been received.

How Document Requirements are Determined:

Immediately after submitting the application, required documents are determined based on:

- Grade level
- Disclosures relating to special education and the presence of a guardianship order

You will receive a confirmation email outlining exactly which documents are needed.

How to Submit Documents:

Documents may be submitted in either of the following ways:

- Via the secure upload links included in the email you'll receive immediately after submitting your child's application
- In person at the WISE school office ([map](#))

List of supporting documentation requirements continue on the next page.

Documents Required for *All Applicants*:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of identity (name, age, and citizenship) 	<p>Accepted documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Provincial Birth Certificate • Canadian Citizenship Document • Passport or Student Study Permit • Proof of Permanent Residence Document
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of address 	<p>Accepted documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver's license • Utility bill or property tax bill • Banking, financial or insurance document

Documents Required for *Some Applicants*:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of your child's most recent educational report card 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not required for Kindergarten applicants • Required for Grade 1-9 applicants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of your child's IPP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required if current / past IPP exists
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of your child's psycho-educational assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required if your child has had a psycho-educational assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of documents pertaining to any remedial assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required if such documentation exists • e.g., speech, occupational, physical therapy) • Specialized education funding (e.g., PUF, gifted, mild/moderate)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of court-ordered guardianship document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required if such documentation exists

5. Next Steps

[Submit your application here](#). Once your application has been submitted:

1. You will receive a confirmation email outlining required documents.
2. Submit required documents via the secure links in your email, or drop them off at our school office.
3. The WISE team will review your completed application.
4. Families are contacted regarding next steps in the enrollment process.

Please review the [Admissions Process](#) page on our website for more information. Throughout this process, our team is here to guide you and answer questions as they arise. Thank you for your interest in The WISE!

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Our highest endeavour must be to develop individuals who are able out of their own initiative to impart purpose & direction to their lives.

- Rudolph Steiner