



Lowell International Elementary School

Admission Policy

MISSION

The mission at Lowell Elementary School is to develop globally minded learners of strong character, who are goal driven towards higher education.

Philosophy

Lowell International Elementary School is a small school with a big heart. Inclusiveness is the core value that the school is built on. There are no entrance requirements and there is no application process to become a student at Lowell. All Milwaukee Public School students from Four-Year-Old Kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome. Lowell staff and students maintain a safe and respectful environment, where professional and personal growth has room to flourish. Family and community engagement is actively cultivated. The curriculum and atmosphere are rooted in inquiry-based learning and global awareness.

Practice

The Lowell School community strongly believes that every Lowell student will become a globally minded person with strong character traits as developed through fidelity to the IB PYP Programme. All members of the community believe in and are committed to the reality that we will build an inclusive climate and culture for all students. All students can and will participate in the IB PYP Programme to the best of their ability.

COMMON PRACTICES OF THE IB CONTINUUM

The Lowell International Elementary School community aligns all educational practices to the IB Standards. Resources and support are allocated for and are in place to ensure

that both students and teachers receive the required assistance to successfully implement the IB PYP Programme aligned to the IB standards.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Lowell International Elementary School is part of Milwaukee Public Schools. In Milwaukee Public Schools no person may be denied admission to or participation in the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, student service, recreational, or other program or activity, because of the person's sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, gender nonconformity, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law, including without limitation by enumeration: section 118.13, Wis. Stats.; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex); Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race, color, and national origin); and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (disability).

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Lowell International Elementary School Primary Years Programme recognizes that students come from a variety of diverse cultures and backgrounds with a wide range of academic, physical, social and behavioral needs. Lowell International Elementary School is committed to serving all students including those with the need for specialized education services.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Each year, Milwaukee Public Schools opens [Kindergarten Enrollment](#) in early February. Kindergarten Enrollment remains open for several weeks. Children who are enrolled during this period have a better chance of being placed in their first-choice school.

Kindergarten Enrollment Window for Fall 2023: Saturday, Feb. 4 to Sunday, March 5, 2023.

To apply for Kindergarten enrollment, please complete the following steps:

1. Visit the MPS [Online Registration webpage](#).
2. Choose a language (English or Spanish).
3. Select "Start New Application".
4. **Complete the initial registration form at the end of the webpage. For "Registration Type", select "23-24 Kindergarten".**

After the kindergarten enrollment window deadline: Enrollment will remain closed for about four weeks while school assignments are being made. Kindergarten enrollment will reopen April 10, 2023 through August 1, 2023. If you miss the kindergarten enrollment window, you will be able to enroll your child, but some schools may be filled. During this time, seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

IMPORTANT ENROLLMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Sibling preference.** During [Kindergarten Enrollment](#), priority is given to siblings of students who are currently attending the school or are already enrolled for the upcoming school year. Sibling preference may not apply at high schools with selection criteria required for admission.
- **Enrollment after Kindergarten Enrollment.** Once the Kindergarten Enrollment period ends, some schools may still have open seats. These seats will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Public School Open Enrollment** - Students outside the MPS district may apply to MPS schools during Open Enrollment (beginning in February). For more information, visit the Open Enrollment page of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website at www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollApp.

IMMEDIATE ENROLLMENT:

Immediate enrollment is for children who need a school placement for the current school year. This includes:

- Children who have recently moved to Milwaukee
- Children wishing to transfer into MPS from another district, charter school, or home school
- Children who were not enrolled prior to the start of the new school year

ENROLLMENT APPLICATION:

The Milwaukee Public Schools have the enrollment application available on-line on the district portal for the easy access. We have a full time Parent Coordinator at Lowell to assist the parents with the enrollment process.