



Application for 2019-2020 Admission

OUR MISSION – SUSTAINABILITY The mission of Unity Charter School is “to teach the importance of protecting and improving the environment by educating our students on the principles of sustainability, ecology, and diversity in a way that celebrates and honors this planet and all its inhabitants.” Sustainability is the primary focus at Unity Charter School; meeting the needs of the present while enhancing the ability of future generations to meet their needs. The curriculum and Common Core Standards are met through the ever-present theme and practice of sustainability.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY The mission of Unity Charter School is not only what we teach—the **principles and practices of sustainability**—it is also the way we teach. Our approach to instruction empowers students and families to influence and engage in decision-making relating to the educational program. **Experiential learning** and inquiry allow students hands on opportunities to better understand the impact of human endeavors on the environment and its inhabitants. Numerous field trips support student learning outside the classroom. **Multi-age Learning Groups** – develop each student’s academic, social and emotional skills. This allows students to progress according to their academic strengths and weaknesses, and not just their chronological age. **Differentiated instruction** meets each student’s specific needs. Using information obtained from various sources, a **Personal Learning Plan** is developed for each student in order to identify strategies that will enhance their academic and non-academic growth and development. **Positive Discipline** - Positive Discipline is a character development program integrated into daily life at Unity Charter School. Based on the teachings of Alfred Adler, Positive Discipline models and teaches students how to become responsible, respectful and resourceful members of their communities. Positive Discipline helps children feel a sense of connection, belonging and significance. It teaches important **social-emotional skills** such as respect, concern for others, problem solving, and cooperation. Our goal is for the students to understand how their behavior impacts themselves and others, and to take responsibility for their behavior. **Democratic Governance** – empowers community members to participate in Unity’s decision-making and governing process. The Board of Trustees receives public input and advice given by the community it serves: parents/guardians, the teaching staff, the student body, and concerned citizens. Three times each year, stakeholders meet at the **General Assembly** to discuss, debate, and decide issues of governance.

Charter schools are free, open-enrollment public schools that are required by law to serve all students. Charter schools shall be open to all students on a space available basis and shall not discriminate in their admission policies or practices on the basis of intellectual or athletic ability, measure of achievement or aptitude, special needs, proficiency in the English language, or any other basis that would be illegal if used by a school district.



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STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME _____

First

Middle

Last

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS _____

Street

Town

Zip Code

MAILING ADDRESS _____

(If different from above)

TOWN/MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE _____ HOME PHONE _____

DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ GENDER ____ GRADE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR _____

(To start K Student must be 5 years old by October 1st)

CURRENT SCHOOL _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN Names:

Work Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Email Address Email _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SIBLINGS CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT UNITY, ON THE WAITING LIST, OR APPLYING FOR ADMISSION THIS YEAR

NAME _____ GRADE (as of September 2019)

All applications must be received by Thursday, February 28, 2019 to be included in the 2019-2020 Applications Lottery. The Application Lottery will be held on Friday, March 01, 2019 at 12 pm. The snow date is Monday, March 04, 2019 at 12 pm. After the February 28th deadline, applicants will be placed on a waiting list in the order of receipt of their application. Notification of Lottery/Waitlist status will be emailed within 30 days. Acceptance of admission offers must be received by April 12, 2019. All information on this application will be treated as confidential. The list of applicants will NOT be made public. Once a student has accepted admission to Unity Charter School, their former district will be notified of this determination.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Completed applications should be emailed to Apply@unitycharterschool.org or faxed to 973-267-9288 or



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mailed to UNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, One Evergreen Place, Morris Township, NJ, 07960