Admission Policy

Whitby Mission Statement
Whitby inspires a passion for learning and empowers each child to take responsibility as an active, principled citizen in a global society.

Whitby Vision
Whitby will be the school of choice offering a compelling educational continuum, recognized for excellence and for embracing innovation.

Admissions - Guiding Principles
Whitby welcomes families whose values align with Whitby’s mission and approach to teaching and learning. Whitby reserves the right to review the application and conduct an interview with the student and parents, whenever possible. The Admissions Office encourages families to provide additional language acquisition support outside of school.

Admissions Process

**Step One:** Submit Inquiry Form

- Submit an Application for Admissions and, if applicable, submit an Application for Tuition Assistance.

**Step Two:** Schedule a Virtual Overview and/or Campus Tour

- Schedule Candidate Visit and Assessment

**Step Three:** Candidate File Reviewed by Admissions Committee

- Candidates for Grades 1 through Middle School will be assessed for their English proficiency level with the WIDA Assessment for English Language (EAL)

- Candidates for Grades 5 through Middle School will be assessed for their English proficiency level with the WIDA Assessment for English Language (EAL)

**Step Four:** Final Decision

- Candidates for Grades 1 through Middle School will be assessed for their English proficiency level with the WIDA Assessment for English Language (EAL)

- Candidates for Grades 5 through Middle School will be assessed for their English proficiency level with the WIDA Assessment for English Language (EAL)

**Step Five:** Scholarships

- Scholarship Committee assists in determining scholarship need and merit

- Financial Aid

**Step Six:** Final Decision

- Candidates for Grades 1 through Middle School will be assessed for their English proficiency level with the WIDA Assessment for English Language (EAL)

- Candidates for Grades 5 through Middle School will be assessed for their English proficiency level with the WIDA Assessment for English Language (EAL)

Students with English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Whitby accepts applications from students at all levels of English language acquisition with the understanding that families are encouraged to maintain the child’s proficiency in the mother tongue. For all applicants for whom English is not their only language, students will be assessed to determine their English proficiency level with the WIDA Assessment for English Language (EAL). Whitby is committed to supporting a diverse community. In keeping with this commitment, Whitby abides by applicable federal and state laws, and does not discriminate in any of its policies or educational programs on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability or any other category protected by law.

Policy Review

This handbook was reviewed during the 2022-2023 school year. It will be reviewed every three years to reflect best practices and the needs of the Whitby School community.