

Swan River Montessori Charter School

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Shared Time (Part-Time) Student Enrollment Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide information to families who wish to enroll a nonpublic or homeschooled student part-time at Swan River Montessori Charter School (SRMCS).

DEFINITIONS

“Nonpublic students” are students who are enrolled in a nonpublic school, as defined under state law, to meet the compulsory instruction requirements under Minn. Stat. §122A.22.

“Homeschooled students” are resident students who are enrolled in a homeschool that meets the compulsory instruction requirements under Minn. Stat. §122A.22.

"Shared-time" is a program in which a student who is enrolled in a private school, homeschool, or non-public school, attends a public school for a portion of the school day.

“Shared-time students” are resident students who are enrolled in a nonpublic school or home school and wish to apply for limited, shared-time enrollment privileges to access courses/curriculum at a public school. Because SRMCS is a public *charter* school with no official district boundary lines, for the purposes of this policy, resident students are students who are openly enrolled at SRMCS.

POLICY

SRMCS recognizes the value of various educational settings and opportunities for all learners. However, being a Montessori school, there are several vital components to the classroom environment that would make shared-/part-time enrollment significantly challenging. Such components include, but are not limited to:

- The need for direct access to Montessori-specific materials to complete assignments across subject areas
- The continuous fluidity of daily large group, small group, and individual student schedules, instruction, and routines
- The importance for all children to actively participate and collaborate as a complete classroom community

Due to the inability to provide a comprehensive Montessori education to students enrolled less than full time, SRMCS does not offer shared-/part-time enrollment.

EXCEPTION TO POLICY – Special Education

Per the Minnesota Department of Education, resident public school districts must allow homeschool students to receive shared-time special education services if the student has a valid Individualized

Education Plan (IEP) and is deemed eligible. Inquiries regarding shared-time special education services should be made to the SRMCS School Director.

NOTE: Students receiving shared-time special education services at Swan River Montessori Charter School are subject to all school district policies and procedures, including the full contents of the SRMCS Student & Parent Handbook.

DISSEMINATION OF POLICY

This policy shall be available in the SRMCS main office upon request and on the school's website (<http://www.swanrivermontessori.org/about-us/school-policies/>).