

## Hongwanji Mission School Admissions Procedures

Grade Level	PS/PK	K	1-8
Application	Complete the <a href="#">online application form</a> (click for the link, or please visit <a href="https://www.hongwanjimiissionschool.com/admissions">https://www.hongwanjimiissionschool.com/admissions</a> and click on “Apply Online Now Via Gradelink”), AND mail or drop off the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$65 application fee (non-refundable payment) in cash and / or check payable to “HMS”.</li> <li>● a copy of your child’s birth certificate or passport</li> <li>● School records (if available)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Academic progress report (copies of your child’s current and previous report cards)</li> <li>○ Standardized test scores (if applicable: a copy of the most recent standardized test scores)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Age requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Must be three (3) years old by October 31st of the school year</li> <li>● Must be fully trained to use toilet independently</li> </ul>	Must be five (5) years old by December 31st of the school year	N/A
Social Readiness Observation	Group behavior observation (one parent may stay with child) for about 45 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Able to sit still to listen to a story</li> <li>● Plays appropriately with others</li> </ul>	Group behavior observation without parent for about 45 minutes to one hour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Able to sit still to listen to a story</li> <li>● Plays appropriately with others</li> </ul>	Classroom visitation day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Applicants are asked to spend an entire school day at Hongwanji Mission School with the applicant’s current grade level students.</li> <li>● Socially appropriate for HMS</li> </ul>
Academic Readiness	Bracket test from Psychological Corp. administered by admissions director	Kindergarten Readiness Test from Scholastic Testing Service, Inc. administered by admissions director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● About 30 minutes to administer</li> <li>● Child must be able to separate from parent for testing</li> </ul>	WIAT II test from Psychological Corp administered by admissions director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reading comprehension</li> <li>● Math readiness</li> <li>● Scored according to child’s age</li> </ul>
Caregiver/ Teacher Reference Reports	Ask your child’s caregiver or teacher to return completed form(s) directly to HMS. Forms are available on the HMS website: <a href="https://www.hongwanjimiissionschool.com/admissions">https://www.hongwanjimiissionschool.com/admissions</a>		
Parent Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conducted by head of school</li> <li>● Parents’ perspective regarding child</li> <li>● Parents’ expectations/educational philosophy</li> </ul>		
Admission Committee Review	The committee members will review each applicant file and make recommendations. If accepted, the child may be asked to attend our summer school. Other factors that may be considered are whether the student is affiliated with the temple or school (e.g., sibling of current student, child of staff, minister, or temple member, etc.)		
Financial Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Go to <a href="http://www.solutionsbysss.com">www.solutionsbysss.com</a></li> <li>● Application and all the required documents - Tax Form 1040 from current and previous year - must be submitted to SSS by May 31st.</li> <li>● The Financial Aid Committee meets in mid-June to make its decision.</li> </ul>		