



— THE SCHOOL AT —  
**MARYGROVE**

# Grades K-3 Enrollment Fall 2023

## Frequently Asked Questions

The School at Marygrove Elementary  
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**The School at Marygrove (TSM) Elementary is enrolling grades K-3 for fall 2023.**

For more information about TSM, visit <https://www.detroitk12.org/marygrove> or review the following pages for answers to some Frequently Asked Questions.

- *If you do not find an answer to your question below, please contact Assistant Principal Caldwell at [patrina.caldwell@detroitk12.org](mailto:patrina.caldwell@detroitk12.org) or 313-732-9577.*
- *For additional enrollment-related questions, you may also contact DPSCD Enrollment at [enrollment.growth@detroitk12.org](mailto:enrollment.growth@detroitk12.org) or 313-870-6345*



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## Kindergarten Enrollment Process for Marygrove Early Education Center Families

The information in this section is intended for families of children at the Marygrove Early Education Center (EEC), who are interested in enrolling in Kindergarten at TSM Elementary in fall 2023. General application information is provided in the next section.

### NEXT STEPS FOR EEC FAMILIES



**1. Pick up a Kindergarten enrollment packet.**

Available at the Marygrove EEC, TSM Elementary, and online at [detroitk12.org/enrollnow](https://detroitk12.org/enrollnow)



**2. Submit your enrollment packet and supporting documents by March 1, 2023 to confirm your seat.**

Submit at The School at Marygrove Elementary.



**3. Attend an Open House to learn more about TSM Elementary.**

Join us on February 13 or March 7 from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Attend in person at 16658 Greenlawn or online at <https://bit.ly/TSMOpenhouse>

**1. Are students at the Marygrove EEC guaranteed enrollment at TSM Elementary?**

Current students at the Marygrove EEC who live in the city of Detroit are guaranteed enrollment at the elementary school if they submit the DPSCD Enrollment Packet and required documents by March 1, 2023. See below for more details.

Any students at the Marygrove EEC who do not enroll by March 1, 2023 will need to apply via the general application process, and eligibility will be based on the weighted random selection system described below.

Students at the Marygrove EEC who do not live in the city of Detroit are eligible to apply for a seat at Marygrove via the general application process. Seats will be allocated based on the weighted random selection system described below.



**2. My child is a current student at the Marygrove EEC who lives within the city of Detroit. What do I need to do to ensure they are enrolled in Kindergarten at TSM?**

Current students at the Marygrove EEC who live in the City of Detroit are guaranteed enrollment at the elementary school if they submit a DPSCD Enrollment Packet and required documentation by March 1, 2023. Enrollment Packets and required documents can be submitted by uploading them online at [detroitk12.org/enrollnow](https://detroitk12.org/enrollnow) or handing them to an administrator at The School at Marygrove Elementary, 16661 Greenlawn St., Detroit, MI 48221.

DPSCD's Enrollment Packet includes the following forms:

- Enrollment Form
- Emergency Contact Form
- Annual Health Form and Health Consent
- Media Release and Technology Policies

If a student enrolling in Kindergarten will turn 5 between September 1 and December 1, 2023, they will also need to complete a Kindergarten Waiver form.

Required Documents are:

- Parent/Guardian photo ID
- Student's birth certificate or birth record
- Student's immunization record or waiver
- Student's most recent transcript or report cards
- Two forms of proof of address

To obtain a DPSCD Enrollment Packet, families can attend any DPSCD enrollment event, pick up an enrollment packet from the Marygrove EEC or TSM Elementary, or visit DPSCD's Enrollment page at [detroitk12.org/enrollnow](https://detroitk12.org/enrollnow). For support with the enrollment process, contact your Family Service Guide or email [enrollment.growth@detroitk12.org](mailto:enrollment.growth@detroitk12.org).



**3. My child is a current student at the Marygrove EEC but lives outside the city of Detroit. OR I am interested in applying after the March 1, 2023 deadline.**

Students that are enrolled at the Marygrove EEC who live outside of the city of Detroit, or Marygrove EEC students who live within Detroit but apply after March 1, 2023, need to apply via the general application process outlined below. Seats will be allocated based on the weighted random selection system described below.



**4. How will my child be supported during their transition to Kindergarten at TSM?**

Marygrove EEC principal and staff work closely with the TSM principal and staff to ensure smooth transitions for students and families. To prepare preschool children for the transition, teachers use curricula and teach skills that are aligned with the Kindergarten experience. At TSM, students will continue to have access to support services intended to promote their holistic wellbeing.

# General Application & Enrollment Process

## NEXT STEPS FOR GENERAL APPLICANTS



**1. Apply at <https://www.detroitk12.org/applicationschools>**  
Round 1 Deadline is February 26, 2023.



**2. Attend an Open House to learn more about TSM Elementary.**  
Join us on February 13 or March 7 from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Attend in person at 16658 Greenlawn or online at <https://bit.ly/TSMopenhouse>



### What is the general application process for students interested in attending TSM Elementary?

Families will complete a simple online application available at [detroitk12.org/applicationschools](https://detroitk12.org/applicationschools). **Round 1 application will open on February 6, 2023 and close on February 26, 2023.**

Seats will be filled via a weighted random selection system, described below. Decisions will be sent by March 24, 2023.

Following the selection, if a student is offered a seat, they must complete a DPSCD Enrollment Packet and submit required documentation to secure their seat by April 28, 2023. The DPSCD Enrollment Packet is available at [detroitk12.org/enrollnow](https://detroitk12.org/enrollnow). Students that are offered a seat will receive instructions on how to pick up and drop off enrollment packets.

If needed, DPSCD will run a second application window to fill all seats. Please note that all dates are subject to change.



## 2. What are the application priority groups? How does the weighted random selection work?

TSM was created to serve the surrounding community, but also to offer opportunities for students across Detroit and outside the city to experience the school's unique offerings. DPSCD also strives support siblings to enroll at the same school and keep families together, and aims to support its employees in investing in its schools.

To fulfill the vision of the school, available seats at TSM Elementary will be filled using a weighted random selection based on students' identified priority groups:

1. Current students at the Marygrove Early Education Center who live in the City of Detroit – students do not need to apply and are guaranteed a seat if they submit a DPSCD Enrollment Packet by **March 1, 2023**.

Remaining available seats will be filled using a weighted random selection. The following groups will receive priority (listed in order of priority):

2. Students who have a sibling already enrolled at The School at Marygrove
3. Students who reside in the primary catchment area and are children of current DPSCD staff members.
4. Students who reside in the secondary catchment area and are children of current DPSCD staff members.
5. Other students who reside in the primary catchment area.
6. Other students who reside in the secondary catchment area.
7. Students who reside in the City of Detroit and are children of current DPSCD staff members.
8. Other students who reside in the City of Detroit.
9. Students who are children of current DPSCD staff members and who reside outside of the City of Detroit.
10. Students who reside outside of the City of Detroit.

Students that apply but are not granted a seat will be placed on a waitlist. If seats become available, families on the waitlist will be notified.



## 3. Is TSM Elementary an exam school?

No, there is no exam required for admissions, nor other academic criteria.



## 4. Is tuition required to attend TSM Elementary?

No, TSM Elementary is a free, public DPSCD school.

**5. Is TSM Elementary a neighborhood school?**

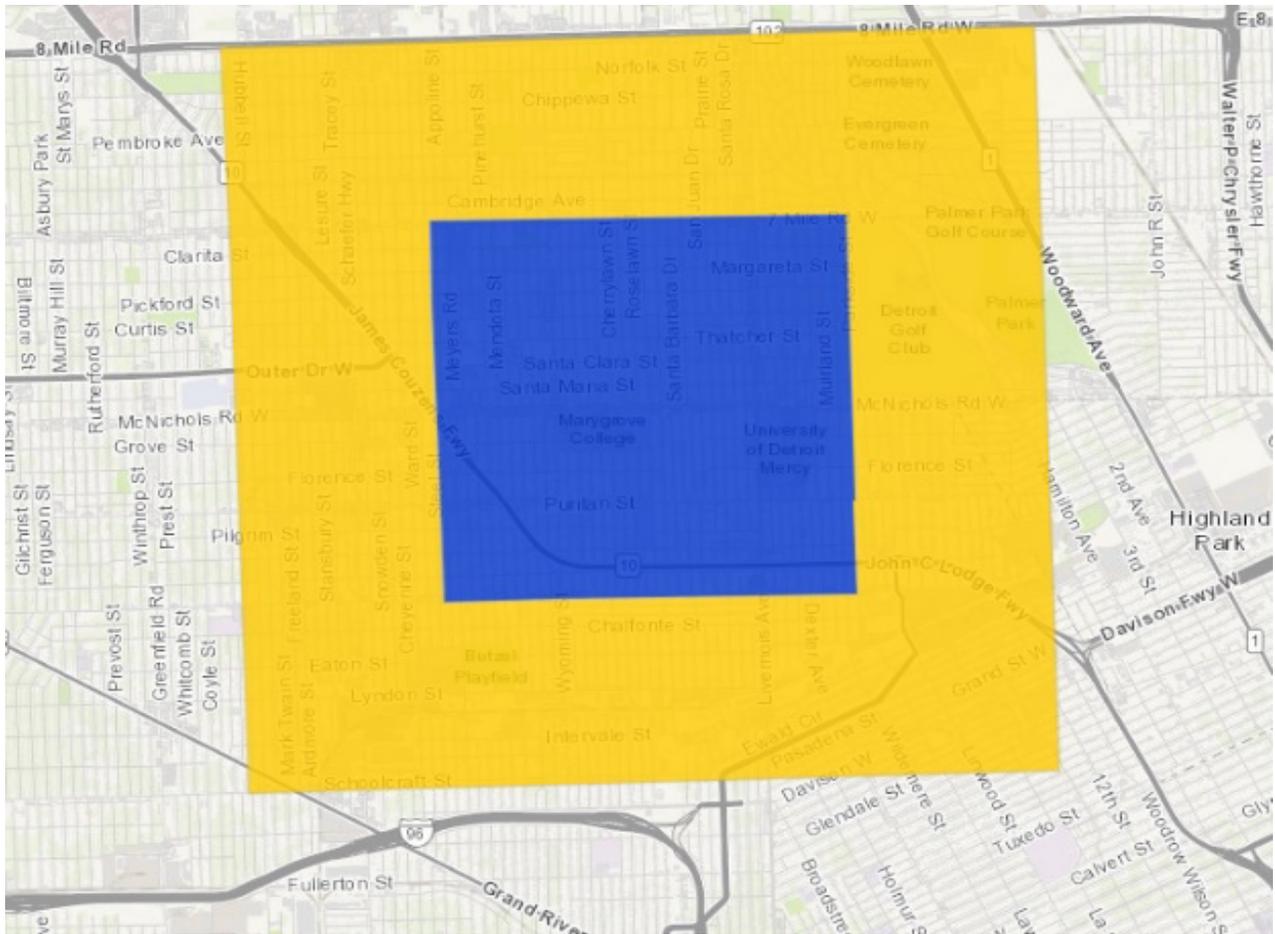
TSM Elementary is an application-based school. There are a limited number of seats, and a weighted random selection process will be used to fill available seats. Students living in the school’s catchment areas will receive priority during the selection process, but all students are encouraged to apply!

**6. What are the boundaries of the neighborhood priority area?**

The primary area (represented in **BLUE** below) is bound by 7 Mile to the north, Parkside St. to the east, Fenkell St. to the south, and Appoline St. to the west.

The secondary area (represented in **YELLOW** below) is bound by 8 Mile to the north, Schoolcraft St. to the south, and Marlowe St. to the west. Please refer to the catchment area map for the eastern boundary.

Visit <https://bit.ly/TSMcatchmentarea> to view a searchable map of the catchment area.



**7. Will siblings be enrolled together?**

Students who have a sibling already enrolled at TSM will receive priority in the weighted random selection process as described above. The weighted random selection process will also grant priority to siblings that apply in the same year for a seat at TSM Elementary. Pending seat availability, if one sibling gets a seat, the other sibling applicant will get a seat. If seats are not available for the sibling applicant, he/she will be granted priority on the waitlist.

**8. If I apply during the general admissions process, what happens if my child is not accepted through the weighted random selection process?**

Applicants who do not receive a seat during the selection process will be placed on a waitlist and will be notified if seats become available.

While you're waitlisted at TSM, be aware of the many options that are available to your child within DPSCD including our K-8 Exam Schools, Montessori Program, neighborhood schools, and specialty application schools. Visit [detroitk12.org/enroll](http://detroitk12.org/enroll) to learn more and to access our Picking the Perfect School Guide.

DPSCD's Enrollment Division would love to be as helpful as possible as you navigate your choices. If you would like to speak to someone about your options, please call (313) 873-6345 or complete the survey located at the bottom of the [detroitk12.org/enrollnow](http://detroitk12.org/enrollnow) web page.



## General Questions: Program & Curriculum

### 1. What grades are available in Fall 2023?

TSM is one school, housed in two buildings on the Marygrove campus. TSM Elementary will offer Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in 2023-24. TSM High School, which is located in a separate building on campus, will offer grades 9 – 12 in 2023-24.

### 2. What grades will the school eventually have? How will the grades be structured?

TSM Elementary will expand one grade each year, until reaching grades K-5. TSM will then keep expanding each year into grades 6-8, so that the school ultimately serves all grades from K-12 under one principal.

Grades K-5 will continue to be located in the TSM Elementary building, where it opened in Fall 2022, and will continue to have a dedicated assistant principal. TSM's grades 6-12 will be located in the Liberal Arts Building, where TSM High School is located, and will also continue to have a dedicated assistant principal.

After 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students matriculating from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade that meet Detroit residency requirements can enroll at TSM's high school, without requiring an exam application.

### 3. How many students will be enrolled in each TSM Elementary grade? What will the class sizes be?

A maximum of 80 students will be enrolled for each grade for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade in Fall 2023.

### 4. Can I tour the TSM Elementary facility?

Tours will be available at enrollment open house events. Open houses are scheduled for **February 13, 2023 and March 7, 2023** from 5:30-7:00pm at TSM Elementary.

### 5. What will the school hours be? Is before-school or after-school care available?

The school hours and any availability of before- or after-school care will be confirmed shortly.



### **Will transportation to and from school be available?**

Transportation will not be provided to TSM.



### **What are any unique or special features about the curriculum and program?**

The academic program at TSM Elementary, aligned to both the Marygrove EEC and TSM High School, is explicitly designed to support young learners in their ability to:

- explore their curiosities and interests through projects, play, and other active learning opportunities;
- leverage their already-existing knowledge and skills toward new learning and development adapted to individual needs and strengths;
- nurture and affirm their cultural, linguistic, and other identities;
- grow their capacity to tend to their own social and emotional wellbeing while also caring about and supporting the wellbeing of their fellow community members;
- build the foundation required to understand themselves as important, powerful people who can and will use their education to improve social conditions and to advance justice.

The curriculum includes a dual focus on design thinking and social justice that allows children to build the habits of mind to ask questions about and understand the world around them, to imagine and envision new and better possible worlds, and then to work together to make those visions real over time.

These are the same themes that the Marygrove EEC have been building into young children's learning, and continue on through TSM High School and beyond. The curriculum in these early elementary school grades provides a solid foundation for intentionally building on these same habits of mind from birth through Grade 12. Just as in the high school curriculum, the academic program will be place-based, engaging students in exploring their own everyday lives, communities, neighborhoods, and the city of Detroit; and it will be project-based, flexibly allowing children to do active, interdisciplinary, creative work.

Ultimately, we are working toward a coherent birth through Grade 12 curriculum in which Marygrove students of all ages leverage their academic learning to improve lives, strengthen communities, and make the world a safer, more just, more loving place. We take young children seriously as people who can and do have the capacity to do challenging, wonderful, and world-changing work, and this belief is reflected in the design of our academic curriculum.



### **What other supports will be available?**

TSM will offer child and family support services as part of a coordinated, campus-wide approach to promote holistic wellbeing and academic success. In partnership with families, partners and service providers will work together to ensure that students and families are supported seamlessly and consistently from birth to career. Support services will include support for basic needs (food,

personal supplies, etc.), extended learning opportunities (summer programming, fields trips, etc.), and physical and mental health services. In addition to in-school supports, the Marygrove campus will soon be home to a health center that will provide comprehensive dental, physical, and behavioral health care for Marygrove students, families, and the community.

### **9. How will the curriculum be adapted for exceptional learners?**

TSM Elementary, like the Marygrove EEC and TSM High School, features project-based learning, which by design allows both teachers and students to adapt and apply learning in creative, flexible ways to meet each student's needs in their shared classroom setting. Of course, research-based assessments will be used to give teachers necessary, critical information about each child's existing knowledge, skills, and gifts, as well as areas that require particular attention, intervention, and growth. Teachers will employ a variety of small group, individualized, and whole group instructional experiences. Our instructional practices will be designed to support learners in the necessary skill of honest self-assessment and reflection so that starting in the early grades, children themselves can and will maximize their pre-existing talents and gifts while also naming and growing their own areas of needed growth. We believe this is an important, lifelong skill that we can begin to develop in early childhood.

### **10. What is the partnership at TSM with the University of Michigan's School of Education? What does that mean for my child?**

One important aspect of the partnership is the University of Michigan School of Education's involvement in the development of curriculum that achieves the goals described above. U of M faculty and teacher educators will work closely with school and district instructional leaders as well as the school's teachers to build a student-centered program that prepares students to be leaders and change-makers.

The second major aspect of the partnership is the creation of a Teaching School dedicated to the training and ongoing development of teaching professionals at all stages of their careers. The University of Michigan School of Education has developed a novel approach for preparing new teachers in order to strengthen the teaching force and provide rigorous and innovative educational opportunities to K-12 students. New, fully-certified teachers, called residents, who are employed by DPSCD, will receive support from U-M faculty and teacher educators, as well as veteran teachers at the school. These teachers will also serve as mentors to student teachers who are still completing their certification programs.



**The Marygrove Learning Community: A Detroit P-20 Partnership**