

Fall 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in The Studio School. We are pleased to share with you the remarkable educational programs we offer - Toddler, Early Childhood, Elementary School, and Middle School. In these admissions materials, you will find information about our programs, as well as the Application for Admission.

We will begin to process applications for the 2012-2013 academic year after Labor Day. Once we receive your application, we will contact you to schedule a family interview and a visit for your child. We encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible, as the number of spaces for interviews is limited. Our Application for Admission is due Wednesday, December 7, 2011. The Checklist, located at the end of this document, outlines the steps to complete admissions requirements.

Please call me at 212.678.2416 x106 or visit our website at [www.studioschoolnyc.org](http://www.studioschoolnyc.org) to reserve a space for a Tour and Open House, and experience Studio for yourself.

- Tours provide information about programs and an opportunity to see teachers and students working together in the classrooms.
- Open Houses give you an in-depth understanding of our curriculum as the faculty and some of our students demonstrate our experiential approach to learning.

We look forward with great pleasure to getting to know your child and your family throughout the admissions process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer K. Tarpley".

Jennifer K. Tarpley  
Director of Admissions

## 2011-2012 School Year

### TODDLERS

Twos and Nearly Twos

9:15 AM - 11:15 AM, 2 mornings \$7,980

9:15 AM - 11:15 AM, 3 mornings \$11,970

Threes and Nearly Threes

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 3 mornings \$13,100

### EARLY CHILDHOOD

Threes and Fours

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, 5 days \$19,600

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM, 5 days\* \$31,500

Fours and Fives

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM, 5 days\* \$31,500

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: GRADES 1-4

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM\* \$31,500

### MIDDLE SCHOOL: GRADES 5-8

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM \$32,900

\* Wednesday dismissal is at 12:30 PM

## Facilities

The Studio School's building at 117 West 95 Street features a modern library, science laboratory, gymnasium and theatre, sky-lit art room with a kiln for ceramics, and a sunny outdoor yard. The fully-equipped kitchen complements the School's innovative Kitchen Science program where each day a small, mixed-age group of children learns about and helps to prepare a delicious and healthy lunch for the school community.

## Enrollment

Approximately 115 students

## Ages

18 months through 8th grade; coeducational

## Groupings

The Studio School uses cross-age groupings rather than age-based grades or levels, starting with the Threes and Fours class.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Class Time</u>	<u>Class Size</u>	<u>Student/ Teacher Ratio</u>
<b>Toddlers</b>			
Twos and Nearly Twos	9:15 - 11:15	10 students	5:1
Threes and Nearly Threes*	9:00 - 12:00	14 students	7:1
<b>Early Childhood***</b>			
Threes and Fours	8:20 - 12:30/3:00	16 students	8:1
Fours and Fives**	8:20 - 3:00	16 students	8:1
<b>Elementary School***</b>			
Sixes and Sevens	8:20 - 3:00	16 students	8:1
Eights and Nines	8:20 - 3:00	16 students	16:1
<b>Middle School</b>			
Tens and Elevens	8:20 - 3:00	16 students	16:1
Twelves to Fourteens	8:20 - 3:00	16 students	16:1

\*Applicants to the Threes and Nearly Threes must be three years old by January 31, 2013. \*\*Applicants to Kindergarten must be five years old by August 31, 2012. \*\*\*Early Childhood and Elementary School classes dismiss at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

## Snack and Lunch

A delicious, healthy, and homemade school lunch is served to students every day in the Early Childhood, Elementary School, and Middle School Programs. Nutritious snacks are served to children in the Toddler, Early Childhood, and Elementary School Programs.

## Financial Aid

The Studio School is committed to attracting and admitting an economically diverse student body. Financial Aid is offered to families with children applying to kindergarten and above, based on financial need and availability of funds. Twenty percent of the student body receives financial assistance. Families must notify The Studio School of their interest in applying for financial aid by December 7, 2011. The admissions office will send you the link to fill out the on-line financial aid form, which must be completed by January 10, 2012.

## Afterschool Program and Classes

*Clubhouse*, an informal, family-style, extended day program for children ages 5 and up, is available each day from 3:00 P.M. to 5:45 P.M., as well as Wednesdays from 12:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Formal enrichment classes, called *Explorations*, are offered for children ages 3 and up. Additional fees apply.

## Summer Camp

The Studio School Summer Camp program, *Morning Fun*, *Discovery Days*, and *City Adventures*, is open to children ages two through ten in June and July, for an additional fee.

## Transportation

The closest subway stops are the 1, 2, and 3 lines at 96th Street and Broadway, and the B and C lines at 96th Street and Central Park West. The nearest bus lines are the M104 on Broadway, the M7 and M11 lines that operate on Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues, and the crosstown M96 stop at 96 Street and Columbus Avenue. Elementary and Middle School students who meet minimum age and distance requirements are eligible for Student Metrocards.



# Application for Admission

A non-refundable application fee of \$65 and a *family* photograph must be submitted with this form.

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender M  F

Current Age \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Program to which you are applying

### Toddlers

- Twos & Nearly Twos 2 mornings
- Twos & Nearly Twos 3 mornings
- Threes & Nearly Threes\* 3 mornings

\*(Must be three years old by January 31, 2013)

### Early Childhood (ages 3 to 5)

- Half day 8:20 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
- Full day 8:20 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- Kindergarten\*\* 8:20 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

\*\* (Must be five years old by August 31, 2012)

### Elementary

- Grades 1 - 4
- Grade \_\_\_\_\_

### Middle School

- Grades 5 - 8
- Grade \_\_\_\_\_

*Early Childhood and Elementary classes dismiss at 12:30 P.M. on Wednesdays.*

Other Schools Attended? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child multilingual or exposed to languages other than English?  Yes  No

If yes, what languages? \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings' Names, Ages, and Schools \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about The Studio School? \_\_\_\_\_

Names of relatives or friends who attend(ed) The Studio School \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper.

## Questions for Parents

### Toddler and Early Childhood Program Applicants

1. What experiences delight your child?
2. What was the most enjoyable aspect of your childhood?
3. What do you find most challenging as a parent? Most rewarding?
4. What do you wish for your child?
5. Describe your educational experiences and their influence on your life.

### Elementary and Middle School Program Applicants

1. What experiences delight your child?
2. What was the most enjoyable aspect of your childhood?
3. What is your reason for changing schools?
4. What do you find most challenging as a parent? Most rewarding?
5. What do you wish for your child?
6. Describe your educational experiences and their influence on your life.

## Questions for Middle School Students

1. What grade are you in presently?
2. Imagine you are a castaway on an island; how would you spend your time?
3. What are your favorite or least favorite subjects in school? Please tell us why.
4. Describe a favorite teacher you have had in the past, and what you liked most about him or her.
5. Tell us about your friends at school.
6. What makes you feel comfortable in a community?



## Records Release

*This document is to be forwarded to your child's current school.*

To the Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of the Applicant:

If your child is currently enrolled in school, please complete this Records Release Form and forward it to your child's present school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer K. Tarpley".

Jennifer K. Tarpley  
Director of Admissions

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To the Applicant's current school:

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has applied for admission to The Studio School.

Please complete and forward to The Studio School an Independent School Admissions Association of Greater New York school report. If you do not have a blank ISAAGNY school report available, please contact The Studio School Office of Admissions, (212) 678-2416 x106 or [jtarpley@studioschoolnyc.org](mailto:jtarpley@studioschoolnyc.org), and they will send one to you. In addition, please send copies of my child's academic, test, personal, and medical records to help in their evaluation of my child's application. If my child is in first grade or above, please forward a transcript as well.

I understand that this information is confidential, and will not be released to me.

The records should be sent to:      The Studio School  
Office of Admissions  
117 West 95th Street  
New York, NY 10025  
*[jtarpley@studioschoolnyc.org](mailto:jtarpley@studioschoolnyc.org)*

Thank you for your cooperation.

Signature of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Checklist

## How to Apply

### 1. Tour and Open House

Call 212.678.2416 x106 or visit our website, [www.studioschoolnyc.org](http://www.studioschoolnyc.org), to sign up for a School Tour and Open House.

### 2. Application for Admission

Visit our website or call to request application materials. Complete Application for Admission (both sides) and return with the application fee of \$65 and a *family photograph*. The Application for Admission deadline is Wednesday, December 7, 2011.

### 3. Records Release

Sign and send Records Release form to your child's current school.

### 4. Register for Admission testing

Testing is not required for Kindergarten - Grade 2, however, please have the Educational Records Bureau (ERB) send results if tests were or will be taken. For Grades 3 and above, please call the (ERB), (212) 672-9800, to arrange for testing.

### 5. Interview Process

Once we receive your application, we will contact you to schedule either a family interview, for applicants up to three years old, or a parent interview, for applicants ages four and above, and a group visit for your child.

### 6. Applicant Evening

Please join us on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 6:00 P.M. to hear from current parents and other members of The Studio School community.

### 7. Notification

You will receive notification according to the following ISAAGNY timetable.

## Admissions Notifications and Parent Reply Dates

As a member of ISAAGNY (the Independent Schools Admissions Association of Greater New York), The Studio School adheres to the following timetable when responding to applications and files completed by Friday, January 20, 2012:

Entering Grade or Age	Notification Mailings	Parent Reply Deadline <i>Not later than noon</i>
2, 3, and 4-year-olds**	Mailed on 2/28/12	3/9/12
On-going School 3 & 4-year-olds (school's option)*	Mailed on 2/15/12	3/9/12
K & Grade 1**	Mailed on 2/10/12	2/17/12
Grades 2-8**	Mailed on 2/6/12	2/29/12

\*For applicants who have completed the admissions process by Friday, February 10, 2012.

\*\* Early notification date for sibling and legacy applicants is January 11, 2012.