



SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR GOLD RUSH COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Due to our unique setting and farm and garden program at the Gold Rush Country School, as well as increased demand for entrance into our program, we have instituted a supplemental application process to determine how students will fit into our voluntary educational program. Please submit the following and answer the following questions. Your application will *not* be considered complete until all components are met.

Note: Students who have previously filled out this supplemental application are not required to do so again.

Thank you,
Country School Staff

Please submit a letter of reference from any of the following: (see attached form)

Clergy, instructors (music, sports, academic, etc.), employers, camp counselors, etc. (**no family members, please**). Please have them discuss attendance, behavior, willingness to cooperate, success at past endeavors, responsibility, etc.

4th-8th graders- please submit a one-page essay in your own writing, cursive or print,(no typed papers, please), explaining why you want to attend the Country School and what you have to offer to our program.

K-3rd graders- Parents please do the same (one paragraph) for your student in his/her words.

1. At the Country School, we expect children to come to school prepared with books and homework completed. We also have a conduct referral system where we issue referrals for chewing gum, wearing hats in class, and forgetting textbooks. How will you respond if your child gets multiple referrals and faces possible expulsion from the program?

2. The Country School is an outdoor setting. Your child will be expected to do daily chores including: shoveling manure, cleaning pens and digging in the garden dirt. Does s/he have any previous experience with these kinds of chores? Explain. If not, how do you see your child adapting to this working environment?

3. Students are expected to bring healthy snacks and lunches everyday. Students showing up at school without food will result in their parents being called to bring food. Are you able to send your child with healthy food everyday?

4. Our 6th-8th teachers use a computerized grading system that can be accessed 24/7 on-line for you to monitor your child's progress and missing assignments. Are you willing to use this system and aid your child in getting his/her assignments in on time?

If so, how will you encourage your child to get his/her assignments done?

9. Do you have any concerns or requests regarding your child that would help us accommodate him or her better?

10. We request that parents donate a minimum of 4 hours per semester on one of several committees. Are you willing to do this?

11. You will be asked to sign an educational contract, outlining The Country School's expectations of your child's behavior and success and the parents' participation. Are you willing to sign this?

12. What is the name of your child's previous school and teacher?

**LETTER OF REFERENCE FOR GOLD RUSH COUNTRY SCHOOL
K-8**

Please answer the following questions as honestly as possible.

Your name _____

Your relationship to the student _____

How long have you known this student? _____

Please tell us about this student's success in terms of willingness to cooperate, behavior, responsibility, attendance, etc.

Your signature and phone number _____

