

# Camelback Montessori College Preparatory



## Application Form 2024-2025

## Thank you for your Interest in Camelback Montessori College Preparatory!

Dear Prospective Students and Families,

Thank you for your interest in our unique and rigorous program. Heading into the twelfth year of our program, admissions to Camelback Montessori College Preparatory has become increasingly competitive. We receive more applications than the number of available spaces. As a result, we have a thorough and rigorous application process to help guide decisions in selecting the students who are the best fit, who show the most potential to achieve success, and who will thrive in the Montessori environment. We thank you in advance for adhering to our requirements and timelines, and we look forward to getting to know more about you. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the Camelback Montessori at [camelback.montessori@gmail.com](mailto:camelback.montessori@gmail.com). In addition, you may contact our Montessori Micro-School Leader, Danchi Nguyen, at [dnguyen@phoenixunion.org](mailto:dnguyen@phoenixunion.org).

We are looking for an exceptional group of students who embody the following characteristics:

- **can maintain a strong and consistent work ethic in a rigorous, Honors curriculum**
- will embrace the diversity both within our community and within our global world
- are able to think critically and problem solve
- are able to be innovative, be flexible, and demonstrate forward-thinking
- embody a passion for change, for betterment, and for leadership
- are self-motivated, self-directed, and self-disciplined
- are open-minded to taking on new challenges
- are strongly committed to attending a 4-year University, either in-state or out-of-state as part of their post-secondary goals

In this packet, you will find more information about CMCP and the application process, including timelines. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 602-764-7000. Good luck!

## Application Process for Incoming Freshmen

The Camelback Montessori College Preparatory (CMCP) application process has been designed to ensure that potential students and parents understand our program and are committed to academics. Completed applications will be reviewed and considered for admission to CMCP. **Admissions are not considered on a rolling basis for the priority application.** Instead, three application cycles exist, priority, secondary, and rolling admissions. In the priority application process, there will be up to 48 available spots for students and notification of acceptances will occur sooner than the secondary process. Admissions are based on a scored rubric. If there are more qualified applicants than spaces available, a lottery for qualified applicants will take place, with priority given in the following order: students living within the Phoenix Union High School boundaries, students with a sibling currently attending Camelback High School, students with a parent working in Phoenix Union High School District. A waitlist will be maintained for qualified applicants in the event that openings in enrollment occur. In the secondary application process, there is neither guarantee of admissions nor a guarantee of being placed on the waitlist as there may be no availability by the secondary deadline. Rolling admissions occurs after the secondary timeline; interviews are scheduled and granted periodically as determined by the volume of applicants and timing in the school year.

**Between**

**Sep 29, 2023–  
Jan 25, 2024**

**Optional: Shadow at CMCP**

Please fill out a shadow request at [www.tinyurl.com/cmcpshadow](http://www.tinyurl.com/cmcpshadow). For questions, please email [camelbackmontessori@gmail.com](mailto:camelbackmontessori@gmail.com) or call 602-764-7000. Shadowing takes place monthly on Thursdays, between 11 am and 12 pm.

**January 19, 2024**

**PRIORITY APPLICATIONS ARE DUE**

**Ensure the application is clearly marked with “MONTESSORI APPLICATION.”** Please ensure all materials on the checklist, including letters of recommendation, transcripts and essa, are present. You may hand-deliver the application to Camelback High School, mail to 4612 North 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016, email a PDF/JPG to [camelbackmontessori@gmail.com](mailto:camelbackmontessori@gmail.com) or submit the online application by **no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, January 19, 2024.** Incomplete application packets cannot be accepted or reviewed.

We recommend all applicants to submit paperwork to register for Camelback High School when applying, as this will enroll students more quickly if admitted and have higher priority for competitive electives. See [www.pxu.org/enroll](http://www.pxu.org/enroll) for registration links or you may also pick up a registration packet from the main office.

**January 31, 2024**

**Finalists notified**

By this date, finalists will be notified through email. Please ensure you have provided an accurate e-mail address in your application.

**February 7, 2024**

**Finalists attend admissions interview**

Each finalist must attend the admissions at Camelback High School. At this time, finalists will be given an opportunity to get to know one another through group activities and participate in interviews with the CMCP selection committee.

**February 23, 2024**

**Notification of acceptance**

Accepted applicants must be sure to pick up a registration packet from Camelback High School or register online to Camelback High School at [www.pxu.org/enroll](http://www.pxu.org/enroll) to complete the admissions process. If you need another copy, please see the Camelback Registration Office for your registration packet.

## **SECONDARY Application Process Instructions and Timeline for Incoming Freshmen**

### **Applications received AFTER Friday, January 19, 2024**

If seats are available after the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 confirmation date, Camelback Montessori will reach out to applicants shortly after receiving all required materials to schedule interviews. Note: Applicants who applied during the priority application process may not apply again during the other application processes in the same academic year. For the Secondary Application Process:

<b>Friday, March 29, 2024</b>	<b>Applications Due</b>
<b>Friday, April 19, 2024</b>	<b>Finalists Notified</b>
<b>Thursday, April 25, 2024</b>	<b>Admissions Interview</b>
<b>Friday, May 10, 2024</b>	<b>Notification of Acceptance</b>

### **Application Process for Incoming Freshmen & Sophomores after the Secondary Deadline**

#### Internal Camelback High School Applicants:

If spots are available in our freshmen and/or sophomore class(es), **current students already enrolled at Camelback High School have priority over all vacancies provided they meet admissions requirements.** Qualified students at Camelback High School may possibly be accepted for transfer into the Montessori program during the next closest quarter or semester. These students must show a strong academic record as indicated on the rubric, meet with the Micro-School Leader, complete the application and interview with the teachers. Please see your counselor for more information or reach out to Danchi Nguyen on Teams.

#### Applicants outside of Camelback High School:

If and only if vacancies exist **after** placing Camelback High School students, outside transfers may be considered. Potential outside candidates will shadow, complete an application, and interview with teachers, which will be scored on a modified rubric. The student must demonstrate a strong academic record as indicated on the rubric.

### **Junior/Senior Application Statement**

Due to the unique nature of our program, intensive college preparation provided during the Freshmen and Sophomore years, and the close-knit community formed between students, we only accept Juniors and Seniors if:

- The Junior/Senior is on track for high school graduation for all required coursework
- The Junior/Senior is on track for In-State University Admissions based on Aptitude and Competency Criteria
- The Junior/Senior completes a full application (to include 2 letters of recommendation, statement of intent, transcripts for all high school years and current progress grades) and interviews

## Additional Supporting Documents

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- **Student Demographics & Brief Statement of Intent (to fill out online, go to: [www.tinyurl.com/cmcpapplyonline](http://www.tinyurl.com/cmcpapplyonline))**
  - Please fill out the attached demographics information page to ensure we have the most up-to-date information for contact. We expect applicants and parents/guardians to regularly check their email during the application cycle as we communicate about missing documents, interview information, and admission status. In addition, we ask for a **brief statement of intent written by the student**: In **1-2 paragraphs**, explain why you are interested in attending Camelback Montessori College Preparatory
- **Academic Record**
  - A copy of your middle school transcript or school records:
    - Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Report Cards
    - Incoming 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: Report Cards for your entire high school history
  - Please have a member of school administration (principal, counselor, etc) sign across the seal or email to [camelbackmontessori@gmail.com](mailto:camelbackmontessori@gmail.com)
- **2-3 Letters of Recommendation**
  - **Required: 2 letters of recommendation** using the included forms. The letters must be written by two of your core teachers (math, science, English, social studies, foreign language) within the past year. Letters can be mailed to Camelback Montessori or submitted electronically.
  - **Optional:** 1 letter of recommendation by an adult other than a teacher (ie coach, club sponsor, pastor, volunteer coordinator, employer, etc.), to be mailed directly to Camelback Montessori or submitted electronically.
- **Camelback High School Enrollment Packet**
  - As part of the comprehensive Camelback High School campus, all students applying for CMCP must also complete an enrollment packet for Camelback High School. You may choose to enroll online at [www.pxu.org/enroll](http://www.pxu.org/enroll)

## Check List for Applicant

**Remember that only completed and signed applications will be reviewed. If you need further assistance, please call 602-764-7000 to speak with someone.**

To ensure that you have completed everything you need for your application to be accepted, please review the checklist below and mark each item as complete and as being included in the application packet before submitting your application for review.

- Is the **Student Demographics Form & Statement of Intent** completed?
- Have **2 Recommendation Forms** been completed by the appropriate individuals and Mailed directly to Camelback or submitted online?
- Is there a copy of your **school records/ transcript** from 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade (incoming freshmen) or for grades your entire high school course history (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders applying)?
- Have you made a **copy of the completed application for your records?**
- Do you have all your materials in a **sealed envelope** to be hand-delivered to Camelback High School OR scanned and emailed to [camelbackmontessor@gmail.com](mailto:camelbackmontessor@gmail.com) OR submitted electronically via the links shared OR mailed to:

ATTN: Camelback Montessori Admissions Committee  
4612 North 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

# Student Demographics & Statement of Intent

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To fill out online, go to [www.tinyurl.com/cmcpapplyonline](http://www.tinyurl.com/cmcpapplyonline)

Student Last Name		Student First Name	
Current Grade Level	Current School Attending		
Student Phone Number		Student Email Address	
Parent 1 Last Name		Parent 1 First Name	
Relationship to Student	Preferred Language	Preference: <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Text	
My child qualifies for: <input type="checkbox"/> IEP/Special Education <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted Education <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Learner <input type="checkbox"/> 504			
Parent 1 Phone		Parent 1 Email	
Parent 1 Street Address		City	Zip Code
Parent 2 Last Name		Parent 2 First Name	
Relationship to Student	Preferred Language	Preference: <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Text	
Parent 2 Phone		Parent 2 Email	
Parent 2 Street Address		City	Zip Code

I have read the above information in the application packet and I understand the application process for acceptance at Camelback Montessori College Preparatory.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Statement of Intent

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To fill out online, go to [www.tinyurl.com/cmcpapplyonline](http://www.tinyurl.com/cmcpapplyonline)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** In the **student's own words, please write 1-2 paragraphs** to explain why you are interested in attending Camelback Montessori College Preparatory.



**Statement of Intent**

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# Teacher Recommendation Form #1

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**Instructions:** You may complete this form **electronically** or you may complete this **paper copy**. These recommendation forms will be read by **only** the Montessori teachers and selection committee. If you would like to complete this form electronically, please e-mail [camelback.montessori@gmail.com](mailto:camelback.montessori@gmail.com) from your school email address for an electronic link. If you are completing the paper copy, please mail the form in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. PLEASE MAKE SURE THE ADDRESS INCLUDES "MONTESSORI" AT THE TOP.

MONTESSORI: \_\_\_\_\_  
(student's name)

Camelback High School  
4612 North 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85016

**Deadline:** Priority applications are due to Camelback Montessori College Preparatory no later than **Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Rolling admissions procedures will occur following this date.

**Student Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Teacher's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of years you have known the student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject(s) taught to the student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Please evaluate the student on the following scale:

1- Very poor    2- Below Average    3- Average    4- Above Average    5- Outstanding

1. The student can reasonably respond and adapt to change.	1	2	3	4	5
2. The student is creative.	1	2	3	4	5
3. The student is honest and trust-worthy.	1	2	3	4	5
4. The student follows through on actions and commitments.	1	2	3	4	5
5. The student is able to form peer relations.	1	2	3	4	5
6. The student shows tolerance and acceptance of diverse communities and people.	1	2	3	4	5
7. The student has strong problem-solving skills.	1	2	3	4	5
8. The student maintains a strong and consistent work ethic.	1	2	3	4	5
9. The student completes assignments and projects on time.	1	2	3	4	5
10. The student makes significant contributions to the classroom.	1	2	3	4	5

11. Student is an active learner, asks questions, and assists others academically.	1	2	3	4	5
12. The student follows directions.	1	2	3	4	5
13. The student is self-directive and can work independently.	1	2	3	4	5
14. The student displays leadership skills.	1	2	3	4	5
15. The student has consistent attendance.	1	2	3	4	5
16. The student manages time well.	1	2	3	4	5
17. The student can keep up with an honors courseload, at or above grade-level.	1	2	3	4	5
18. The student desires to obtain a 4-year college/university degree	1	2	3	4	5

**Student's strengths:**

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**Student's areas of improvement:**

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**Additional comments (feel free to attach an additional letter if desired):**

# Teacher Recommendation Form #2

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(student's name)

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**Student's areas of improvement:**

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**Additional comments (feel free to attach an additional letter if desired):**

## Optional Recommendation Form

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**Student Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommender's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommender's Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of years you have known the student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe your relationship to the student:**

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