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**Connecting Children ↔ Creating Community ↔ Changing Lives**

Thank you for inquiring about Hope Hall and the possibility of our working with your child. Please read the following information enclosed in this packet:

1. Admissions Policy
2. Mission Statement/Purpose
3. Facts in Brief
4. Interview Request Form
5. Parent Form

I look forward to hearing from you soon. If there are any additional questions, please call the Main Office at 426-0210 x100.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sister Diana Dolce, S.M.".

Sister Diana Dolce

Executive Director



## ADMISIONS POLICY

Hope Hall's program is specifically designed to meet the needs of children who can participate in a full academic program, but who need a small class setting, multi-sensory teaching strategies, a slower pace and a structure that is very predictable, stable, and routine.

Hope Hall is not a therapeutic, behavior management type of setting, and does not meet the needs of children with the classification of Intellectually Disabled.

The following steps are required for admission to Hope Hall:

1. An Interview Request Packet is completed and returned to Hope Hall, to the attention of; Hope Hall Admissions.
2. All CSE and/or testing information is included with the interview request packet and will be reviewed before the time of the interview.
3. If Hope Hall's program seems appropriate to meet the student's learning needs, an interview is set up.
4. At the time of the interview, a complete description of the school's program, both academic and social/emotional, will be presented. Hope Hall students will give parents/guardians a complete tour of the school.
5. If Hope Hall seems to have the program that would meet the academic and social needs of the child, arrangements are made to have the student visit Hope Hall.
6. After the child's visit, the intake committee receives feedback from the teachers and a phone call is made regarding next steps.

\*Please note: There is a June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to request special education services for an upcoming school year. Any application received after that deadline will be considered with the knowledge that the student would not receive services related to his/her IEP.

## MISSION STATEMENT/PURPOSE

Hope Hall is a private, not-for-profit school designed for students with special learning needs who consistently experience frustration and failure in the traditional classroom setting. Hope Hall is committed to the belief that when students are given respect and enough time in a supportive, multi-sensory learning environment, they can become successful.

Hope Hall, established in 1994, is an independent, non-sectarian alternative school that serves children in grades 2-12 whom are considered to be educationally “at risk.” These are the students who have fallen through the cracks in our educational system. Hope Hall is the only private school in Upstate New York with regular education certification that serves this student population.

Hope Hall’s students come from over 18 school districts in and out of the Greater Rochester Area. The Mastery in Learning Program is used throughout the school to teach the full New York State curriculum, study skills, organizational skills, and social skills, in a non-traditional way. The Program’s strategies are designed to meet the specific needs of students who have experienced frustration and failure in traditional classroom settings. Hope Hall’s nurturing, non-threatening, creative atmosphere encourages students to take risks in learning and helps them reverse the cycle of academic failure. Educationally “at risk” students become successful, lifetime learners. They experience academic success, not only at Hope Hall, but also in traditionally taught classes in high school and beyond.

Hope Hall’s collaborative approach to education connects faculty, staff, and families as team members in a community of learners. Language arts, math, social studies, reading, science, ASL, physical education, music, and art are taught to all students. Class discussions provide students with frequent opportunities to develop critical thinking skills and problem solving skills. Students may also choose to participate in extra-curricular activities such as basketball, soccer and run club. The school’s “no cut” policy allows everyone to participate regardless of ability. Teamwork, not competition is emphasized. Hope Hall also fosters character development to:

- 1. Empower students with a sense of the uniqueness of each individual**
- 2. Teach respect for self and others**
- 3. Encourage community service**
- 4. Help students understand their roles as citizens of Hope Hall and any community beyond**



## FACTS IN BRIEF

<b>REGISTRATION FEE:</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>TUITION:</b>	<b>\$5,200 (grades 2—8)</b>
	<b>\$5,700 (grades 9-12)</b>

**Tuition Assistance:** Some money is available for tuition assistance and is awarded based on financial need.

Applications for tuition scholarships will be made available after students have been fully registered. Scholarships are not guaranteed to all fully registered students who apply.

**Transportation:** Provided by your home school district.

**School Calendar:** Hope Hall follows the Rochester City School District. Calendars of surrounding districts are also built into the Hope Hall calendar. School hours are 8:20 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Extra Curricular Activities:**

Sports – Hope Hall has a no-cut policy.

Fall Program: Soccer for grades 5-12

Winter Program: Basketball for grades 5-12

Spring Programs: Air Raid Football League for grades 6-12 (NON CONTACT)

Basketball Club for grades 6-12

**After School Programs:**

Woodworking sessions are (4 x a year) for 9 weeks each.

Homework Club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 with teachers and volunteers



## INTERVIEW REQUEST FORM

Please print:

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Current School District \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Is this application for immediate placement or the upcoming school year?

Immediate Placement                       Upcoming school year

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the following information with this form:

- Any testing results for your child (Psychological Evaluation, Speech Evaluation, etc.)
- Current report card
- Current IEP if applicable
- Current 504 Plan if applicable

If you have any questions regarding any of the information listed above, please call the main office at (585)426-0210 x100.



## PARENT FORM

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Hope Hall?

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Why are you looking at Hope Hall for your child?

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Tell us about your child's strengths:

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Tell us about your child's areas of need:

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Please list any academic or behavioral concerns:

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Pediatrician/Clinical Providers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Important medical information/medications: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Financial Aid Checklist and Application

Must be submitted with Registration Information by Mach 23, 2020

To receive first priority for Financial Aid/Tuition Assistance, the following information must be submitted with your registration **March 23, 2020**. If your complete information is not received by that date, you may forfeit scholarship money for your child. Any applications received after March 23<sup>rd</sup> will be reviewed at a later time and may receive a lesser amount of Financial Aid.

**Financial Aid Checklist: (All documents must be submitted at the same time)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Complete the Financial Aid Application on the back of this page.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Make Copies** of your household signed federal income tax return (Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) and any supporting schedules (A, C, E & F).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Make Copies** of any assistance your household receives from the government. *Copies can be made at Hope Hall if you don't have access to a copy machine.*

The above documents may be walked in, mailed, emailed (alicia.hart@hopehall.org) or faxed (585-426-3319) to Hope Hall. **ALL** documents **must** be complete and submitted if consideration for financial aid is requested.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please **include any significant expenses** that affect your income, i.e. tuition for another child at a different school, significant medical expenses for ongoing care of the student or family member, etc. Be prepared to provide proof of these expenses.

If you foresee any difficulty in paying for your tuition, make an appointment with Alicia Hart, Finance Director. Call her at 585-426-0210 ext. 110. Please leave a voice-mail message if she is not able to immediately take your call.

Hope Hall will contact you by mail when a decision has been made regarding any scholarship awarded to your family.

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We are not applying for Financial Aid for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

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Signature

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Date

## Financial Aid Application

Please complete the following information and submit it to Hope Hall before **March 23, 2020** for priority consideration.

Person Responsible for Account		Student(s) Name(s)	
Address		City/State	Zip
Daytime phone number	Evening phone number	Best day & time to call M T W Th F Time: _____	
Number of people living in the student's home	List their ages and relationship to you, including adults. Names not necessary.		
Guardian Status of Student: (Circle all that apply) Mother    Father Other: (Please write who, if not parents)			

Please state which assistance benefits your household receives, if any, and include the amount of the benefit. Provide proof of these benefits. We do require copies of all pages of NYS Benefits Award and/or all pages of 2019 1040 Tax forms.

<u>Assistance</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Assistance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WIC/SNAP		NYS Unemployment	
Housing Assistance Or HUD Subsidy		Workers' Compensation	
Veteran's Benefits		TANF	
SSI/SSD/SSDI Household Amount		Safety Net Assistance	

**Significant Expenses** Refer to examples on the other side. Provide some detail. Use another page if needed.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>

This information is true and correct. Hope Hall has my permission to review the documents submitted to establish a need for tuition assistance. Furthermore, I understand that a payment agreement is necessary for my child to attend school at Hope Hall.

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Signature Date





## Hope Hall Registration Tuition Payment Arrangement Form 2020 – 2021

Student(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Person Responsible for Tuition Payments \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone Number (best to reach you) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Full Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuition for 2020 – 2021 School Year:** Elementary (grades 3-8): \$5,200 High School (grades 9-12): \$5,700

**Family Registration Fees:**            **New Families: \$150**            **Returning Families: \$35**

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT PLANS** – If you are in need of Tuition Assistance, please complete the Tuition Assistance Application.

Options available (please check):  \_\_\_\_\_

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One Time Annual Payment – A single payment for the full amount is received via cash, check, money order, or credit card to Hope Hall on or before August 3, 2020. This plan would entitle you to a 3% discount.

Monthly Tuition Payments – May be made via cash, check, money order, or credit card to Hope Hall by the invoice due date each month. Tuition is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

Please indicate below your preference of payment plan options:

Number of monthly payments: (circle)    10 months            11 months (will begin August 1<sup>st</sup>)

### Authorization

I accept responsibility to fulfill my tuition obligation and abide by the policies of Hope Hall School. I understand that accounts must be current; an account will be considered current if it is paid in accordance with the terms of the tuition payment option. In the event of a default, I agree to be responsible for all attorney's fees and costs associated with the process of collections. I agree to abide by the rules, policies and regulations adopted by Hope Hall School and set forth in various publications and mailings.

If the responsibility for payment of tuition is shared by separate parties, another Tuition Payment Application Form must be completed, signed and returned by any others responsible for tuition. In the absence of this signature, I may be held responsible for all tuition payments.

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