

REGISTRATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 2009-10

What is Shishu Bharati and where is it held?

Shishu Bharati School of Languages and Culture of India is a non-profit school having 3 branches located in Lexington, MA, Nashua, NH and Norwood, MA. The school runs from September thru June with classes being held every Sunday (except Holidays) from 10:00am – 12:25pm. The school offers a KG program plus an 8 year well established Culture and Language program. The Languages offered at most branches are: Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi and Kannada. In order to be eligible for enrollment at Shishu Bharati, students have to be 5 years of age as of September 30 of the school year being enrolled in. A Hindi class for Adults may also be offered as long as there is a minimum enrollment of 5 students and a teacher available.

Where can I obtain more information about the school, curriculum, policies etc.?

You can find more information at www.shishubharati.org. The “Handbook” has the general curriculum guidelines and all important information you should know. You must also view the School Policies found at http://www.shishubharati.org/docs/SB_Handbook_2008-09_Policies.pdf before registering your child/ren. Please note, however, that this information applies to the year 2008-09, and is subject to change for the year 2009-10.

What are the registration and tuition charges for enrolling a child?

The tuition charges, for 2009-10, are \$375 per student (\$725 for 2 siblings, \$1,075 for 3 siblings) for the entire school year. There is a non-refundable registration charge of \$75, per student, included in the tuition charge. Late registration charges also may apply. For withdrawals between October 31 and December 31 of the school year, only 50% of the tuition charges are refundable, and for withdrawals after December 31, none of the charges are refundable. Please check our website or e-mails for updates on this.

What is the procedure to handle registration of new and returning students?

Students are to be registered online through the “Online System” provided at www.shishubharati.org. The online registrations for the school year 2009-10 will begin on July 1, 2009 and end on August 8, 2009. Registrations after August 8 may be accepted if space is available but will incur a late charge of \$50 per family. Space in most classes is limited, so you should register as soon as possible once the online registrations begin. Both new and returning students need to be registered online each year. Registration is not considered complete until full tuition payment is received by Shishu Bharati.

If you know of anyone who is interested in newly registering at Shishu Bharati, they should be asked to forward their e-mail addresses to the respective branch at Lexington@shishubharati.info , Nashua@shishubharati.info or Norwood@shishubharati.info so that we can keep them posted as to the registration process and other details.

We understand that a lot of families travel to India during the summer, and want them to know that the online registration process is quick and can be done from anywhere that you have access to the Internet. Credit card payments are also accepted online. If, and only if, you are going to be unable to register and/or pay online during July due to travel plans, you can give us a paper registration and a check for the full tuition amount before you leave, but the registration will only be considered effective on August 8 (unless you register online before then). This is to prevent unnecessary administrative workload on our volunteers. Please know that there is a chance that some classes may fill up before August 8, so it would be in your best interest to register online as soon as possible even if you have given us a paper registration and check. Registrations are not considered complete until full payment is received by Shishu Bharati; so by giving us a check ahead of time, you will at least prevent the registration to not be accepted due to non-payment. If giving us a check ahead of time, please post-date the check to July 1, 2009. We will not deposit the checks until registration is completed online or August 8, whichever is later. Withdrawal penalties, as per our Policy, will apply after that.

Are checks for tuition fees to be collected at the time of registration?

All tuition charges are to be paid at time of registration or earlier. Credit card payments are taken online, and if you wish to pay by check, the check payments would need to be mailed to the specified address by the due date to consider the registration complete. Late charges will be added to the tuition charge for late payments. For paper registrations, please make a check payable to “Shishu Bharati School” for the full amount and give to the Registrar of the respective branch or mail to them as follows:

Anant Panwalkar, Nashua branch: 40 Mallard Point, Merrimack, NH 03054

Veena Teli, Lexington branch: 71 Furnace Street, Sharon, MA 02067

Tulika Hainsworth, Norwood Branch: 30 Shoreline Drive, Foxboro, MA 02035

SHISHU BHARATI SCHOOL
ADMISSION GUIDELINES & ELIGIBILITY
2009-10

Culture Class Placement:

KG Admission: Student born between 10/1/03 and 9/30/04

Culture 1: Student in 1st grade or higher in regular school

Culture 2: Student in 2nd grade or higher in regular school

Culture 3: Student in 3rd grade or higher in regular school

Culture 4: Student in 4th grade or higher in regular school

Culture 5: Promotion from Culture 4 only

Culture 6: Promotion from Culture 5 only

Culture 7: Promotion from Culture 6 only

Culture 8: Promotion from Culture 7 only

Shishu Bharati offers eight years of Culture curriculum to maximize the student's knowledge of Indian Culture. It is highly recommended that the parents and students review the curriculum at the time of registering. Students may be admitted to a lower Culture Level if so desired by the parents and after consultation with the Principal and Assistant Principal of Culture.

KG Class Placement:

Children who have not completed 5 years of age by September 30th, but who are enrolled in a Kindergarten Program outside Shishu Bharati are eligible to attend KG in Shishu Bharati. These children will be admitted the following year into 1st grade in Shishu Bharati upon furnishing proof of admittance into 1st grade in regular school. Failure to produce such proof will result in the children continuing another year in KG.

Language Class Placement:

All new students will start at Level 1 in Language except when they successfully complete a proficiency test to get into a higher level but not to exceed Level 3. Returning students can be placed in a higher level than promoted to, only upon passing a proficiency test upon a recommendation from the teacher and approval by the Assistant Principal.

Please log on to www.shishubharati.org, and click on "Handbook" to view the current curriculum, and Policies.