

WHAT IS NEW AMSTERDAM DOING to be a MORE INCLUSIVE, COMMUNITY SCHOOL?

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SEE - *Socially Equitable Education*. SEE scholarships allow NAS to have a lowest tier in grades one through three of 1% of the full tuition.

Mission - Waldorf education, at its origins, was intended to change the world. It was also meant to be free and inclusive, made possible by enlightened donors and available to all who wanted it. New Amsterdam is committed to manifesting those original impulses in downtown New York.

Vision - In three years, a third of each grade's class would be SEEs, children whose parents' income and assets put them below tier three and our early childhood classes would begin enrolling prior year SEE Seedlings in the Maple Two's class.

Timeline of initial roll out - our intentions:

2018-2019 - 4 in grades one through three.

2019-2020 - 8 in grades one through four. 2 Seedlings.

2020-2021 - 17 in grades one through five. 3 Seedlings.

What is the process to apply?

The regular admissions process and the regular tuition assistance process, with fee waivers for applications granted on a case-by-case basis. We are not prepared to take on, at this point, families or children with exceptional needs outside the financial realm. Once admitted, parents will be connected with other parents in the class to consciously and directly facilitate the building of relationships and understanding, as is offered to any new family.

What about all of the extras: lunches, trips, instruments, and rain gear?

We will have a conversation with each family to create the "budget" together that takes into consideration the total cost of tuition and all of the extras (lunches, healthy lunches, rain gear, etc.). By asking families to work with us, their investment is personal and specific.

What faculty support is offered?

Faculty will be offered professional development in June and August to support their understanding of diverse cultures and backgrounds and ways they can best support a more diverse group of parents and children.