



## HINDU AMERICAN TEMPLE SCHOOL (HATS)

The Educational branch of The Hindu Society of Minnesota (HSM) <http://www.hindumandirmn.org>

### SCHOOL INFORMATION BROCHURE:

Please contact the Admissions Coordinator or any other HATS representative if you need a clarification on any specific item below. **Please keep pages 1-3 with you for future reference, and return pages 4-6 with your check (for \$150 payable to “Hindu Society of Minnesota”) to the Admissions Coordinator for the year 2009-2010:**

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**VENUE:** The Hindu Mandir, 10530 Troy Lane N, Maple Grove, MN 55311

Classes will be held in classrooms in the left-wing of the Mandir campus (as you enter the Mandir). For specific religious activities, teachers may take students to the prayer hall with the deities upstairs as well.

### SCHEDULE OF CLASSES: (90 MINS, ONCE A WEEK)

1. **ANNUAL CALENDER:** The academic session of HATS is approximately 9 months and follows the regular school calendar. Classes will be held from September 2009 through May 2010. A detailed week-by-week calendar for the entire academic year will be provided at the first class to all students.

**Note:** The academic session starts this year on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 09 (for Saturday school) and on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 09 (for Sunday school).

2. **DAY OF WEEK:** Classes will be held weekly every Sunday and Saturday. You may select **only 1** day (either Sunday **or** Saturday) for the entire academic year. Changes mid-year will not be allowed except in rare circumstances. HATS will make every attempt to accommodate all siblings from a single family in the same day of the weekend (Saturday or Sunday).

3. **TIME OF HATS CLASSES:** The school starts at 10:30 AM with an assembly and prayer, followed by a 1 hour class on religion (we will add a language next year). Parents must attend the assembly with their children. After the assembly, parents and children attend separate classes (except for pre K children, whose parents attend classes with their children). This is summarized in Table I below –

**TABLE 1 (HATS CLASSES)**

TIME SLOT	SATURDAY SCHEDULE (tentative)	SUNDAY SCHEDULE (tentative)
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Assembly: Prayer/Shloka, announcements	Assembly: Prayer/Shloka, announcements
10:45 – 11:45 AM	Religion Class for children	Religion Class for children
10:45 – 11:45 AM	Hinduism 101 for adults	Geeta class for adults (by Dr Sane)

\* Families are welcome to stay back after school and purchase lunch offered at noon every Saturday and Sunday

4. **ADDITIONAL / OPTIONAL CLASSES:** Various Hindu volunteer groups conduct several other spiritual and religious classes within the temple premises. These are listed in Table 2 below. Parents and children are most welcome to participate in these additional classes too on a regular or intermittent basis. Note that these classes optional and free and space is not guaranteed even if you are admitted to HATS. Space is available every week on a first come first serve basis.  
**Note:** Your donation is applied only towards HATS classes listed in Table 1 above.

**Table 2 (Optional classes)**

<b>TIME SLOT</b>	<b>SATURDAY SCHEDULE(tentative)</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE(tentative)</b>
9:30 – 9:45 AM	TBD	Yogasana (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays only)
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Ramayana for teenagers	Meditation by Ashwini Naik (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays only)
10:00 – 10:15 AM		Story Time (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays only)
10:15 – 10:30 AM		Bhajan practice with ending prayer (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays only)

**ABOUT THE CURRICULUM:**

1. The school will follow a graded and a diverse curriculum that meets the requirements of children (from ages 4-15 yrs) growing up in the American society. Adult classes may also be offered in the future.
2. The classes will cover different aspects of Hindu Dharma, including spiritual practices such as Yoga, in an age appropriate manner. In future, we may add classes on languages, music and art forms associated with Hindu societies.
3. The school will not favor any one Hindu tradition over another, and will be non-sectarian and all-inclusive in keeping with the eclectic nature of the Hindu Temple in Maple Grove, MN. In higher grades, students might be exposed to diverse viewpoints within the Hindu tradition, and will be encouraged to compare and contrast our traditions with other religious traditions.
4. A summary of the curriculum planned for different grades may be obtained by requesting the Admissions Coordinator or a representative at the hospitality desk. The curriculum for different grades in HATS is designed to synchronize with the material that the children learn in their regular schools in that particular grade.
5. Teaching is entirely done by trained volunteers. No prior qualifications are required for parents to volunteer as teachers, but they must undergo training provided by HATS teachers committee. Parents with specialized skills such as teaching licenses are highly encouraged to serve as volunteer teachers.
6. The medium of instruction in the religion classes will be English although students will be encouraged to learn spiritual vocabulary from sacred Hindu languages such as Sanskrit and Tamil.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE & DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS:**

1. The school is primarily aimed children and teenagers in the age group 4-15 years.
2. Registration will accepted for children for pre-Kindergarten level onwards. For pre-K classes, at least 1 parent has to be present with his child in the class at all times. To be eligible for the pre-K class in HATS, the child must be at least 3 years of age as of 01 March 2009. Pre-K class students may not advance to the Kindergarten grade till they start the same in their regular school.
3. The grade in which your child is placed in HATS will normally coincide with the grade the child attends in his regular school. Upon a parent’s request, the child may be placed in HATS in a grade that is different from the grade he/she is enrolled in the regular school. However, we do not encourage this practice.
4. HATS may have to split individual grades into several sections, or merge multiple grades into one to optimize utilization of available resources. Care will be taken to ensure that the age disparity between students in any given grade in HATS is kept to a minimum.
5. Students older than 15 years might be pooled with adults for instruction.

**SUGGESTED DONATION:**

1. Suggested amount for the year 2009-2010 is **\$150** per student, payable on or before the first day of school.
2. The money may be paid through a check in favor of “*Hindu Society of Minnesota*”.
3. The donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Your cancelled check or bank statement is your receipt, although the Hindu Society of Minnesota can issue a separate receipt upon request.
4. The amount covers the cost of most of the supplies that will be arranged for students by the school. For additional supplies, refer to the supplies list (if any) provided by your child’s teacher.
5. The donation may be reduced or waived for a limited number of economically poor families on a case-by-case basis.
6. Checks will be deposited only after the refund/withdrawal deadlines lapse.
7. The donation covers the running costs of the school and ensures its long-term growth and survival.

8. Please note that the donation applies only towards the classes listed in Table I above (adult classes are free).

### **REFUND POLICY:**

1. The entire amount of tuition paid is refundable only if you choose to withdraw your child by the day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the school. All class supplies collected by your child from the school must be returned to get the refund. No refunds are allowed beyond the second session even if the student withdraws from the school.
2. Please let your child's teacher or the Admissions coordinator know in writing (email is acceptable) if you withdraw your child so that children in the waiting list may be admitted.
3. Waitlisted students who are confirmed upon availability of seats also have till the 4<sup>th</sup> session to withdraw with full refund.
4. No refunds are permitted for withdrawals after the 4<sup>th</sup> session.

### **ADMISSION ALLOTMENT:**

1. The school can admit only a limited number of students due to constraints of facility, volunteers and time.
2. Admissions will be on a first-come-first basis for both returning as well as new students.
3. The tuition checks of students not admitted will be returned after a month of the first day of the school. During that period, they will be waitlisted.
4. HATS reserves the right to deregister students if they or parents/guardians cause a disruption in the smooth functioning of the school.
5. Please direct all your admission related queries to the Admissions Coordinator. For this year, the admissions coordinator is **Vishal Agarwal** (*see his contact and mailing information above*).

### **NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION DECISIONS:**

1. Parents of new admitted students will be notified via email. Therefore it is important to give your correct email address in the admission application form.
2. If you prefer a call for notification, please indicate so.

### **PARTICIPATION OF PARENTS:**

1. At least 1 parent of children who are 4 years of younger should be present in the classroom with their child.
2. We require at least 1 parent (or a designated adult) of students who are 10 years of age or less to be present in the temple campus during the class time for reasons of security and emergency.
3. We strongly advise parents to review the material covered by their children in their class on a regular basis.
4. Feedback from parents on the course material is vital for the continuous improvement of our
5. The success and growth of the school depends on active parental participation as volunteers. Please contact any school representative if you wish to volunteer at any time of the year.
6. Parents are also urged to donate any items that could be of use to the school, e.g., Amar Chitra Katha comics, religious DVDs etc.



*Lead me from the unreal to the Real.  
Lead me from darkness to Light.  
Lead me from death to Immortality.*  
**Brihadaranyaka Upanishad 1.3.28**

*After we die, neither the father, mother, son, wife nor one's clan is available for help.  
Only the Dharma that one has followed in his lifetime before death is present to help us out.*  
**Manusmriti 4.239**





## HATS REGISTRATION FORM (2009-2010)

**INFORMATION ON PARENTS:**

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Landline Tel. No(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell No(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred means of notification by HATS (circle 1):    Email    Cell    Landline

**CHILDREN'S INFORMATION:** Use additional forms if needed -

	CHILD 1	CHILD 2	CHILD 3
<i>Last Name</i>			
<i>First Name</i>			
<i>Middle Name</i>			
<i>Gender</i>			
<i>Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)</i>			
<i>Grade in regular school (as of Sept 2009)</i>			
<i>Language(s) spoken at home</i>			
<i>Name of Parent (or a designated adult) picking the child</i>			
<i>Name of parent (or designated) who will stay on campus (if applicable)</i>			
<i>Day Preference (Saturday or Sunday)</i>			
<i>Any other info. you'd like us to have</i>			

**MAIL FORMS AND CHECKS TO: Vishal Agarwal, 18583 – 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave N, Maple Grove, MN 55311**

**Emergency Information & Health/Medical History Form**

**PLEASE FILL A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH CHILD. Print additional copies if needed.**

**Note:**

- For children 10 years of age or younger, at least one parent should be present in the vicinity of the Mandir during the school in case they need to be reached during an emergency. Exceptions can be made if the parents designate another adult who will be present in the Mandir in their absence.
- For children 4 years of age or younger, 1 parent or a designated adult must stay in the class with the child.
- In case of an emergency we will contact 911, and then call the contact person using the cell number(s) provided above in that order. If the parents are non-reachable, we will contact the child's emergency contact whose information we have requested below. It is extremely important that you disclose any medical condition your child may have for his or her own safety.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ : Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home ph# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 2: \_\_\_\_\_

***EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

***MEDICAL/HEALTH HISTORY INFORMATION***

Please list any allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Special medical symptoms to watch for: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other medical conditions we need to know about: \_\_\_\_\_

List over-the-counter medication that may not be administered to me/my child: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child's Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Physicians Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insured Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Insurance Co: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

This health history is correct as far as I know and the person described has permission to engage in school activities except those noted above. I give permission to HATS authorities to first contact 911 in case of an emergency, and then the emergency contact provided above.

**Signature (should be a parent):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of parent signing this form:** \_\_\_\_\_



## **CONSENT FORM (to be signed by a Parent)**

- I confirm that I have received the HATS information brochure and have understood its contents.
- I agree that we (Parents) and our child(ren) will abide by the Policies and Procedures of HATS and of the Hindu Mandir where the classes will be held.
- I assume all responsibility for any damage or liability of any kind in connection arising out of all HATS activities and agree to hold HATS or the Hindu Mandir, its teachers or the school committee free from any liability or expense in connection with the same. I understand that HATS is also not responsible for any damage or loss to our personal items while we are on the Mandir campus.
- Further, I agree that HATS can, without prior notice, terminate or suspend any student's enrollment if his/her activities cause disruption to the school's functioning. Enrolment fee will be forfeited in such cases.
- I confirm that all the information in the registration and the Health and Medical History forms is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge and intent. In case I realize the errors in any information filled out in this form at a later time, I will notify my child(ren)'s teacher at the earliest opportunity.
- I hereby grant permission to the school authorities to administer routine care and medication, as well as any emergency care that should be required.
- I authorize the persons named below to pick my child(ren) when the school is over.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of the Parent (Name in brackets)**

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

**Name of Person(s) picking up child(ren):** \_\_\_\_\_