



## **HMM Marathi Shala**

### **School information**

[www.hmmmarathishala.org](http://www.hmmmarathishala.org)

HMM Marathi Shala is the education division of the parent organization -Houston Maharashtra Mandal. HMM is a non-profit organization registered under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act of September 2, 1980. HMM Marathi Shala is affiliated with BMM network of Marathi schools founded in many US and Canadian cities. It is founded with the purpose of protecting and preserving Marathi language. It is run solely by unpaid volunteers. Its aim is to help students to communicate in, read and write Marathi, thereby preparing them to appreciate the rich beauty of Marathi language.

The school will operate in four centers: Cypress, Energy Corridor, Katy and Sugarland.

- The school will operate in Fall and Spring semesters and will follow **local ISD calendar**.
- Fall **Registration** will begin on the Sunday following the start of school for your local ISD. Last day to register is 8 days after the HMM Ganpati festival.
- Spring registration will start the first weekend after Winter break, and end January 31<sup>st</sup>. Due to difficulties accommodating students mid-year and depending upon volunteer availability, Spring registration is at the discretion of the Center Coordinator.
- Venue: Each centre will announce its own venue. Please note venues may change from semester to semester as per availability. Please contact the respective centre coordinators for information, or check the **HMM Shala website**
- Time Sunday, Check with centres for exact times.  
End of semester tests will be conducted at each centre. Progress Report will be issued at the end of the school year.
- Performance based certificates will be awarded at the end of each year.
- Homework will be issued every week; it is parents' responsibility to make sure that their student completes the homework. As the school meets only once a week, it is important that the students are familiar with the concepts learnt in earlier week.
- HMM Marathi Shala shall conduct BMM exam at the end of school year. However these exams are not mandatory. Each centre will conduct their own exams.

### **Rules/Policies**

- **Punctuality** – Please make sure your kids arrive in time and are picked up right after the classes. Teachers and volunteers cannot take care of the students after school hours.
- Parents are requested not to stay in the class room as this disrupts the children.
- Please refrain from loud chatting in the hallways.



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- Cancellation policy- Registration can be cancelled during the first two weeks of the full semester for 80% refund. Cancellation during first five weeks- 60%. Any time after six weeks- no refund.
- Missed class – It will be parents’ responsibility to collect the missed class work and homework and make sure it is completed before the next class.
- Supplies Cost: **Members – \$80, Non HMM members \$100 per semester.** These funds are used to purchase books, stationery, and organize talent shows. Charges payable by **check** only. Check should be payable to HMM. In the Memo please write ‘Marathi Shala/ Centre/ Student Name/Supply Charges’ Please submit check with the registration form to the centre coordinator. Receipts will be provided. An online payment option may be available for payment by Paypal.
- As per HMM rules and policies, non-members’ students **cannot** perform in HMM programs.
- List of holidays – Local ISD school holidays will be observed. If major Marathi holidays fall on the Sunday, we will try to reschedule the class. Make up class/ programs will be announced closer to date.
- Student age eligibility –Children need to be eligible for Kindergarten in their local ISD (i.e. meet their age criteria) to be eligible to attend Marathi Shala.
- Please do NOT send your child to Marathi class if he/she is sick.
- If the student cannot come to class, you **MUST** inform the respective teacher. A minimum of 80% attendance is expected.
- Each child will bring his/her own supplies. Notebook, pencil, writing board (slate/ white board etc.), chalk pencils, colouring pencils, water bottle and tissues.
- Please inform the centre coordinator if someone other than the parents is picking up the students.
- HMM Marathi Shala reserves the right to change any rules and policies in the future.