**Family Questionnaire | Family Audition Process**

**First**

Devour [Acton Academ](https://www.actonacademy.org)y & [Acton Academy Monterrey](https://www.actonacademymty.com/)’s webpages, then we ask you to watch  [Jeff Sandefer -Reinventing Education interview with Peter Diamandis](https://youtu.be/15PWsrF5H0I) (worth every while of your 45 mins. to really understand Acton) or to read [Courage to Grow](https://www.amazon.com/Courage-Grow-Academy-Learning-Upside/dp/0999520504) by Laura Sandefer. The [Acton Academy Austin Parent blog](http://www.actonacademyparents.com/) and [Elementary school blog](https://sites.google.com/a/actonacademy.org/es-site/) are also great resources.

You may also be interested in the following videos, books and TED talks:

* [Acton is...](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEhKPZQZg8lFAfoOK3murINv7leASeXNV)
* [Sugata Mitra TED Talk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dk60sYrU2RU)
* [Sal Kahn TED talk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTFEUsudhfs)
* [The Talent Code](http://www.amazon.com/Talent-Code-Greatness-Born-Grown/dp/055380684X) by Daniel Coyle
* [Nurture Shock](http://www.amazon.com/NurtureShock-New-Thinking-About-Children/dp/0446504130) by Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman
* [A Thomas Jefferson Education](http://www.amazon.com/Thomas-Jefferson-Education-Generation-Twenty-First/dp/1615399917) by Oliver DeMille
* [One World Schoolhouse](http://www.amazon.com/One-World-Schoolhouse-Education-Reimagined/dp/1455508373) by Sal Khan
* [Unschooling Rules](http://www.amazon.com/Unschooling-Rules-Unlearn-Rediscover-Education/dp/1608321169) by Clark Aldrich

**Second**

Answer the following:

1. ***What were your biggest lessons learned from the websites, blogs, books and TED talks? (Please feel free also to include observations from any of the other books or TED talks.)***
2. ***How would you describe the perfect teacher for your child and how will you measure whether he or she is advancing quickly enough?***
3. ***Do you believe your child is a genius who deserves to find a calling that changes the world?***
4. ***Please read this statements:***

* You put a lot of effort into creating and maintaining a positive relationship with your child.
* You explain the reasons behind your rules.
* You enforce rules and give consequences, but take your child’s feelings into consideration.
* You invest time and energy into preventing behavior problems before they start.
* You incorporate positive discipline strategies to reinforce good behavior like praise and reward systems.
* You validate your child’s feelings while making it clear that you are ultimately in charge.
* You recognize that when your child makes a poor decision, it is important for them to take responsibility for their mistake and work to make amends.

***Do these statements sound like your parenting style? Why?***

1. ***How do you, as a parent, teach or guide your child at home?***
2. ***How do you motivate your child to move forward when they are feeling stuck?***
3. ***What are your hopes for your child’s education?***
4. ***How familiar are you with online learning in a learner-driven classroom where the adult present serves more as a mentor or coach and doesn’t offer classical “teaching”? How do you feel about a classroom without a “teacher” delivering lecture style presentations?***
5. ***What do you like most about where your child is attending school now (if they are currently enrolled in a school)?***
6. ***What do you wish were different at their current school?***
7. ***What do you think is the best way for your child to learn?***
8. ***What fears do you have about your child’s school experience?***
9. ***Share a time when your child struggled or made a bad choice at school or home. How did you handle the situation?***
10. ***What would we need to know about your child to serve them well? For example, allergies, fears, developmental challenges, medical history, medications, or previous classroom behavioral challenges?***
11. ***How will you continue to pursue your child's learning adventures if there are no immediate openings at Acton Academy?***
12. ***How did you find out about Acton Academy? Is there someone in the community we may thank for sending you?***
13. ***Do you have any questions for us?***

**Third**

The following types of parents struggle at Acton Academy in ways that are not helpful for their families:

1) Those who treasure social prestige and really prefer a traditional education.

2) Those who are "blamers" and ultimately will gossip and criticize, no matter what.

3) Those who aren't sure their child is ready yet for the responsibility and struggles - and occasional tears - of truly independent learning (and may be right.)

4) Those who are not committed to a Hero's Journey for themselves.

Given how far you have come in this process, it is unlikely any of these apply to you or your spouse. But because talking to others in your former educational community is an important part of our audition process, we’d like to ask you describe in a short essay:

***How being in our community might play a part in your personal Hero’s Journey and how a teacher/principal at your child’s school or a close friend would honestly and frankly describe how you and your spouse might soar and struggle as a parent in a non-traditional educational format.***

**Final Activity:**

If your child knows how to read, please submit a video of him or her reading 3 pages of their favorite book in english.

**I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPLETED ALL WORK IN THIS STEPS**