

ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

The deadline for applications for the 2008-2009 school year is January 10, 2008

Shadow Visit

Please call the Admission Office at 650-968-8338 ext. 115 to schedule a Shadow Visit. Your daughter will attend classes and participate in the GMS community for a day.

Application

Please complete the application and mail it as soon as possible along with the \$75 application fee. Please let us know if the fee presents a hardship for you.

Financial Aid (due as soon as possible)

If you need financial aid, please return the enclosed financial aid request form as soon as possible.

Parent Questionnaire

If more than one person parents the applicant, we would like *each* to fill out a questionnaire and return it with the application.

Teacher Recommendations

Print your daughter's name on the teacher recommendation forms and give one to her core teacher and one to last year's teacher. Ask that the form be returned to GMS.

Personal Recommendation

In addition to your daughter's teachers, we would like to hear from another adult who plays a significant role in her life and

can answer the questions on the form. The individual might be, for example, a music teacher, athletic coach, or religious advisor. Print your daughter's name on the form and request that it be returned to GMS.

Transcript Request

Complete the transcript request form and give it to an official at your daughter's present school.

Testing

We require applicants to submit the results of a private or parochial school entrance test. GMS will offer the ISEE (Independent School Entrance Exam) to our applicants on Saturday, January 19, 2008. A registration form is included with this packet. You must register your daughter three weeks prior to the test date. Our ISEE Site Code is #054273. To register online, go to www.iseetest.org.

Personal Interviews

After you have turned in the application, we will contact you to set up an interview. We ask that all parents or guardians involved in the life of the applicant attend. A GMS staff member will spend time clarifying the school's vision, answer your questions in-depth, and spend about fifteen minutes with your daughter in an informal one-on-one interview.

Notification of Acceptance

We will make our admission decisions by March 10, 2008 and notify all applicants by mail.

Statement of Non-Discrimination:

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition

The 2008-2009 tuition is \$18,000. Families should expect a moderate tuition increase each year. The tuition covers basic educational expenses, including most materials and activities.

Guided Giving

The Girls' Middle School is able to attract an economically diverse group of students through our strong commitment to financial aid. To make this commitment possible, GMS has a guided-giving program through which we ask all our families for a voluntary contribution according to their means.

Financial Aid

In keeping with our commitment to economic diversity, The Girls' Middle School provides financial aid to approximately 20% of students.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 10, 2007 1-4 PM	Open House
December 13, 2007 7-9 PM	Open House
January 10, 2008	Admission and Financial Aid Application Deadline
January 16-31, 2008	Schedule Applicants for Interviews
January 19, 2008	ISEE Entrance Test Given at GMS
January 21- February 22, 2008	Applicants Interview
March 10, 2008	Decision Letters Mailed
Noon, March 19, 2008	Acceptance Notification & Deposit Due

FAMILY PARTICIPATION

Active participation by parent(s) or guardians in their daughter's education is an essential part of a successful learning community. We offer evening discussions on issues facing adolescent girls and their families. We also expect each family to spend a minimum of 15 hours a year working at GMS. You may participate by volunteering in the classroom or teaching short courses. You may also choose to serve on one of the committees, which cover diverse subjects such as parent education, new directions in technology, fundraising, or buildings and grounds.

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