

**WHEN DOES THE RHOADES SCHOOL BEGIN THE ADMISSION PROCESS?**

The admission process for applicants begins the year prior to entry. While we encourage families to look ahead, we do not accept applications until October of the year before a student will enroll.

**WHEN DO WE SUBMIT THE APPLICATION?**

We strongly encourage families to submit their application by our priority deadline of February 1, 2019. Applicants who have submitted their application by the deadline will be in the priority applicant pool. **Applications submitted after February 1 will be considered on an individual basis.**

**WHEN WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED OF ADMISSION DECISIONS?**

Decision notifications will be sent on March 15, 2019 for all applicants who meet with February 1, 2019 deadline.

**WHAT FACTORS ARE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION FOR ADMISSION?**

Decisions are made after thoughtful deliberations taking into account the individual candidate's ability to be successful at The Rhoades School. The Admission Committee looks at the applicant in the context of students currently attending Rhoades and the other candidates who would like to join the same grade. Many factors are taken into consideration, including academic ability, character, maturity, curiosity, and interests. We use admission testing/assessment, teacher evaluations, school records (if applicable), and a student visit as tools of assessment.

**WHAT ARE THE AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN?**

We strongly encourage families to apply for Kindergarten so their child is 5 years old on or before September 1st of the enrollment year. Our attention to age is based on our experience that a child's emotional maturity is often linked to age, and as children grow older, positive interaction with peers is facilitated when their emotional development is closely aligned.

**WILL MY CHILD TAKE AN ENTRANCE EXAM?**

Yes. The Rhoades School uses assessments for all students applying for grades K-8. Kindergarten and Grade 1 assessments are completed on a school day. Assessments for Grades 2-4 are completed during the student's visit on a school day. Exams for Grades 5-8 are administered on Saturday mornings throughout the San Diego area in the winter months, or anytime at a Prometric Testing Center.

**WHAT ASSESSMENT DO KINDERGARTEN APPLICANTS TAKE?**

Kindergarten applicants take the [AABL](#), which assesses an applicant's verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, early literacy, and math. This untimed assessment is administered on an iPad. Individual assessments take place throughout December, January and February. Families can schedule their child's assessment after their application is submitted. Applicants must take the assessment prior to participating in the Kindergarten playdate.

**CAN MY CHILD TAKE THE AABL AGAIN? CAN HE/SHE TAKE IT AS PRACTICE FOR NEXT YEAR?**

ERB, the company that created the assessment, has strict policies regarding the AABL: 1. Students cannot take AABL for practice; and 2. A student can only take AABL once within a six-month period. Additionally, The Rhoades School requires a family to submit an application in order for the assessment to be scheduled.

**WHAT DOES THE ASSESSMENT INCLUDE FOR APPLICANTS IN GRADES 1-8?**

- **Grade 1** applicants take the [AABL](#) assessment. Applicants take the assessment on a school day.
- **Grade 2-4** applicants take the [ISEE](#) to assess verbal and quantitative reasoning skills. Applicants will also complete a short writing sample. The assessment is given during their visit day.
- **Grade 5-8** applicants take the [ISEE](#) to assess verbal reasoning, reading comprehension, and quantitative reasoning skills. Applicants will also complete a writing assessment. The Rhoades School is hosting the ISEE on a Saturday, January 5. We do not accept walk-in registrations. Applicants can take the ISEE at another school in the San Diego area or at a Prometric Testing Center. The Rhoades School code is #570433.

**WILL MY CHILD GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE SCHOOL?**

We do not host visit days for students who apply after April 1. Students will instead interview with our Dean of Students, who will also give them a tour of the campus. Depending on the age of the applicant, a family interview may be conducted as well or in place of a personal interview.

**ARE SIBILINGS OF CURRENT STUDENTS GUARANTEED ADMISSION?**

The Rhoades School recognizes the desirability of enrolling siblings at the same school. However, what is right for one child may not be the right school for his or her sibling. Siblings of current students will be given preference when all other factors are equal. However, admission to Rhoades is not guaranteed.

**WHAT IS THE RHOADES SCHOOL TUITION?**

For 2019-20, the Lower School (K-5) tuition is 18,600. The Middle School (6-8) tuition is \$19,820. Additionally, the annual registration fee for all grades (K-8) is \$1,575.

**ARE THERE EXPENSES IN ADDITION TO TUITION?**

Tuition includes yearbook, all books and learning materials, student activities and use of a school-issued iPad for students in Grades 6-8. Additional expenses include Extended Day, Enrichment Programs, and field trips.

**IS FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE?**

Yes. The goal of our financial aid program is to help bridge the gap between what a family can reasonably be expected to contribute and the costs associated with attending The Rhoades School. In 2017-18, 10% of our families received financial aid and the average discount was 35%. To learn more, visit our [Financial Aid page](#).

**I MISSED THE APPLICATION DEADLINE. WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

Please call Regina McDuffie, Head of School, at 760-436-1102 to discuss the application after the February 1 deadline. Applications submitted after February 1 will be considered on an individual basis.

**WE ARE RELOCATING TO SAN DIEGO AND ARE INTERESTED IN THE RHOADES SCHOOL.****WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

Please call Regina McDuffie, Head of School, at 760-436-1102 to discuss the admission process for families who relocate.