

**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 1 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** which falls on the first Friday in February. Applicants who have submitted their application by the deadline will be in the priority applicant pool. For applications submitted after February, we encourage you to apply for our **second admissions window**. The deadline to apply is the second Friday in April. The second enrollment round of applicants will be considered on space-available basis.

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

Decision notifications will be sent by the second week in March for all applicants who meet the February deadline. For all applicants who meet the April deadline, decisions will be sent out by the second week of May.

**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 if 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 TK-8. TK, Kindergarten and Grade 1 assessments are completed on a school day. Assessments for Grades 2-4 are completed after school during the weekday. Exams for Grades 5-8 are administered on Saturday mornings at a Prometric Testing Center or at home online.

**WHAT ASSESSMENT DO GRADES TK-1 APPLICANTS TAKE?**

Grades TK, K and 1 applicants take the Brigance assessment, which assesses an applicant's verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, early literacy, and math. The assessment is given in-person and on a school day.

## WHAT DOES THE ASSESSMENT INCLUDE FOR APPLICANTS IN GRADES 2-8?

- **Grade 2-4** applicants take the ISEE to assess verbal and quantitative reasoning skills. Applicants will also complete a short writing sample.
- **Grade 5-8** applicants take the ISEE to assess verbal reasoning, reading comprehension, quantitative reasoning, and mathematics achievement skills. Applicants will also complete a writing assessment. Applicants can take the ISEE at a Prometric Testing Center or at home online. The Rhoades School code is #570433.

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

**PLEASE NOTE: These visits have been postponed due to covid restrictions. We will be in touch regarding school visits and hope to continue these visits in the future.**

- **Kindergarten and Grade 1** applicants participate in a playdate experience with other applicants. The purpose of the play date is to observe your child within our school setting. We have found that this experience is enjoyable and informative for all.
- **Grade 2-4** applicants participate in a half-day visit on a school day, spending the day in our classrooms at their current grade level. Observation in a classroom setting provides our teachers the opportunity to get to know your child and assess his/her academic progress. The classroom visit also allows our teachers to observe your child's social interactions with other students. After lunch, applicants take their assessment at The Rhoades School.
- **Grade 5-8** applicants participate in a full day visit on a school day. The visit day is an opportunity to spend an entire day at Rhoades guided and hosted by a current student. Applicants will also have an interview with a member of the administrative team during their visit day.

## WHAT ARE THE ADMISSION EVENTS AND DEADLINES?

The admission process includes several important events and deadlines. Please put these important dates on your calendar and contact us with any questions.

### Application Available Online

October 1

### Tours (Appointment Required)

Beginning October 1.

### Application Deadlines

**Priority Admissions - First Friday in February:** Application due. All admission application materials, including the application, application fee, parent questionnaire, teacher evaluations, transcripts (if applicable), and writing sample (if applicable) are due.

**Second Admissions Window - Second Friday in April:** Application due. All admission application materials, including the application, application fee, parent questionnaire, teacher evaluations, transcripts (if applicable), and writing sample (if applicable) are due.

### **IS THERE AN APPLICATION FEE?**

Yes, there is a \$75 fee associated with the application and additional fees from [ERB](#) for testing. Please contact Sasha Turtz, Director of Admissions at (760) 436-1102 x 302 for more information.

### **ARE SIBLINGS OF CURRENT STUDENTS GUARANTEED ADMISSION?**

The Rhoades School recognizes the desirability of enrolling siblings at the same school. However, the right school 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?**

Please visit our [website](#) for the most up-to-date tuition costs.

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

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

### **DO YOU OFFER FINANCIAL AID OR SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Rhoades School currently does not offer financial aid or scholarships.

### **I MISSED THE APPLICATION DEADLINES. WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

Please call Sasha Turtz, Director of Admissions, at (760) 436-1102 x 302 to discuss applications received after the second admissions window deadline. Applications submitted after the second admissions window will be considered on an individual and space-available basis.

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

Please call Sasha Turtz, Director of Admissions, at (760) 436-1102 x 302 to discuss the admission process for families who relocate to the area after the start of the school year.