ADMISSIONS TO REDWOOD DAY  STEP-BY-STEP

☐ **STEP ONE  INQUIRE**
Call us or visit our website to learn more about our program and schedule a time to visit us. Our website will give you a detailed look at our curriculum, program information, admissions policies, and application materials.

☐ **STEP TWO  VISIT US**
We invite you to visit Redwood Day during the admissions process. Please sign up online or call to schedule any or all of these events!

**OPEN HOUSES**
- **Lower School** (K–5): November 16, 2019, 9:30–11:30 a.m. (adults only, please)
- **Middle School** (6–8): November 16 & December 14, 2019, 1:00–3:15 p.m. (students and adults welcome!) Lower and Middle School Open Houses will give you a hands-on introduction to Redwood Day’s teaching, learning, and campus. Prospective parents (and middle school student applicants) will rotate through classes where teachers will demonstrate mini-lessons. There are opportunities to connect with faculty, current students, parents, the Head of School, the Admissions Team, and Lower and Middle School Directors.
- **Family Open House** (K–2): December 14, 2019, 9:00–10:30 a.m. (K–2 children welcome!) The Family Open House is a fun Saturday morning for young children and their families. Families will choose from a variety of half-hour classes that are specially designed by our teachers for children 3–7 years old. Though the main focus of this event is hands-on fun with your family, there will be administrators, teachers, and current parents who are happy to answer your questions!

**CAMPUS TOURS**
Event Dates: October–January
These small-group tours are primarily led by current Redwood Day parents. We begin with an introduction from administrators and then spend the majority of the tour in classrooms and around campus. Attendees experience a parent’s perspective of Redwood Day, observe classes in session, and tour our campus. The visit concludes with a question and answer session with our Head of School, Division Directors, and the Admissions Director.

☐ **STEP THREE  APPLY TO REDWOOD DAY!**
Optional Early 2020–21 Application Due Date: December 9, 2019
Final 2020–21 Application Due Date: January 17, 2020
Although applications are not due until January 17, 2020, we ask that families who are ready to apply earlier do so by December 9, 2019 (with a significantly reduced application fee!).

*Note: If you are submitting a priority application (as a current/alumni Redwood Day family or current faculty/staff) please ask the Admissions Office for priority assessment dates and deadlines.*
□ **STEP FOUR  STUDENT ASSESSMENTS, VISITS, AND TESTING**

January and February 2020 – Please see online calendar for available dates/times.

**ASSESSMENTS & VISITS**

Our assessments allow the Admissions Committee and additional faculty to observe children in academic and social settings while also supporting children in learning and experiencing more about Redwood Day.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade assessments are designed to determine the developmental readiness of a child for our program. Assessments for grades 2–8 involve social activities, informal interviews, sample and/or actual classes, and academic work packets that include reading, writing, math, and spelling components.

During their assessment and visit appointment, students applying to grades 4–8 will also have the opportunity to spend some time with current students to get a feel for student life at Redwood Day.

Assessments and visits must be scheduled in advance through your application portal or with the Admissions Office.

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM (ISEE)/SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM (SSAT)**

Applicants to grades 6–8 must register for the ISEE or SSAT by early January so that they can complete the exam no later than February 1, 2020. The test is one part of the applicant’s academic profile and we appreciate the additional information it provides when considered in conjunction with the rest of a student’s application and visits. To register for the ISEE at one of the local testing sites, please visit www.erblearn.org or call 800.446.0320. If you prefer to register for the SSAT instead of the ISEE (often a good choice for out-of-state applicants), please visit ssat.org.

**2020–21 IMPORTANT DATES**

*Please see the Application Checklist on the following page for details.*

- **November 1, 2019:** Priority admissions application deadline! Priority applicants either have a sibling already attending Redwood Day/alumni or are children of Redwood Day faculty and staff.
- **December 2, 2019:** Priority tuition assistance application deadline (for all current Redwood Day families and faculty/staff).
- **December 9, 2019:** Optional early admissions application deadline ($65 application fee).
- **January 17, 2020:** Admissions application deadline ($100 application fee).
- **January 17, 2020:** Tuition assistance application deadline.
- **March 19, 2020:** Admissions decision notification date. You will receive an emailed admissions decision and may also call the Admissions Office for a verbal decision. Tuition assistance awards will be communicated with admissions decisions.
- **March 26, 2020:** New student enrollment contracts and deposits are due by 9:00 a.m.

For more information, visit www.rdschool.org or contact the Admissions Office:

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Redwood Day School admits and welcomes students of any race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression and accords to them all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the School. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, tuition assistance program, and other school-administered programs.
KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
- Application: Online
- Application fee of $100 (an early application fee of $65 is available through December 9).
- Online Teacher Recommendation Form. The form should be completed by your child’s current preschool teacher.
- Assessment and visit: Please schedule through our online portal or call/email to schedule.
- Optional parent/guardian conversation with Admissions Director (for submitted applicant families only).

1ST GRADE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
- Application: Online
- Application fee of $100 (an early application fee of $65 is available through December 9).
- Online Teacher Recommendation Form. The form should be completed by your child’s current teacher.
- Copy of the Fall 2019 report card. Upload through the Family Admissions Portal.
- Assessment and visit: Please schedule through our online portal or call/email to schedule.

2ND-5TH GRADE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
- Application: Online
- Application fee of $100 (an early application fee of $65 is available through December 9).
- Online Teacher Recommendation Form. The form should be completed by your child’s current teacher.
- Copy of the Fall 2019 report card. Upload through the Family Admissions Portal.
- Assessment and visit: Please schedule through our online portal or call/email to schedule.

MIDDLE SCHOOL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
- Application: Online
- Application fee of $100 (an early application fee of $65 is available through December 9).
- Student Statement Form: Must be completed (in print writing) by the student and uploaded through the Family Admissions Portal.
- Online Teacher Recommendation Form. The form should be completed by your child’s current teacher.
- Copy of the Fall 2019 report card. Upload through the Family Admissions Portal.
- Assessment and visit: Please schedule through our online portal or call/email to schedule.
- Register to take the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) or the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT)—Applicants 6-8 grade only. Test results due to Redwood Day by February 1, 2020.