



ST. GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ENGAGING MINDS. INSPIRING VIRTUE.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES APPLYING FOR FIRST GRADE

CAMPUS TOURS

Individualized campus tours are scheduled daily throughout the year. During the tour, you will have the opportunity to see the campus, view classes in session, and meet with the Director of Admissions. To schedule a tour, please call the Admissions Office: 512-327-7755.

WEEKLY MASS

One way to experience the vibrant spiritual life of St. Gabriel's is to participate in our weekly Mass. Every Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. the St. Gabriel's Catholic School community gathers for morning Mass. We invite you to join us for this unifying community event. To make a reservation to attend Mass with a member of the Admissions staff, please call the Admissions Office: 512-327-7755.

OPEN HOUSES

We encourage you to join us for one of our Open House events. They afford you the opportunity to tour the campus, view classes in session, and meet with faculty, administrators, and current parents.

Open House Dates 2011-2012

Tuesday, November 15, 2011	8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, January 10, 2012	8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 3, 2012	8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

STUDENT SHADOW VISITS

Children applying to First Grade are required to spend a partial day (8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. "shadowing" a current student at St. Gabriel's Catholic School. Children visit in the grade in which they are currently enrolled. During the shadow visit, children complete an academic skills assessment. Student shadow visits are scheduled from November through February. For reservations and information, please call the Admissions Office: 512-327-7755.

TESTING

Applicants to First Grade participate in a one-on-one evaluation and entrance examination in January. The evaluation and entrance examination are designed to determine a child's developmental and academic readiness for the St. Gabriel's First Grade program. The Admissions Office will schedule this required appointment after the application is received.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Students are selected on the basis of their overall academic ability, their developmental readiness for the St. Gabriel's program, their social, emotional and physical maturity as appropriate for their age, and their ability to contribute to a diverse and well-rounded class. It is understood that the St. Gabriel's program is not appropriate for every child and that the Admissions Committee is not only deciding what is best for the school, but more important, what is best for the child.

ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

Admissions decisions are mailed on March 9, 2012 to candidates whose completed applications are received by the priority deadline: January 13, 2012. Families are asked to inform St. Gabriel's of their enrollment decision by March 23, 2012. Applications received after the priority deadline will be considered as space permits.

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**APPLICATION CHECKLIST
APPLYING FOR FIRST GRADE**

Please note: First Grade applicants must be six years of age by September 1, 2012.

- Complete an application form and submit it with a non-refundable \$250 application and testing fee via check payable to St. Gabriel's Catholic School
Due Date: As soon as possible after October 1, but no later than January 13
- Complete the parent perspective form
Due with the application
- Provide a current photo of the applicant
Due with the application
- Submit a copy of a certified birth certificate
Due Date: As soon as possible after October 1, but no later than January 13
- Submit immunization records (Note: Documentation of past and current immunizations is required of all students that attend St. Gabriel's as mandated by the Diocese of Austin)
Due Date: As soon as possible after October 1, but no later than January 13
- Arrange for completion and submission of the *Confidential Teacher Recommendation* form
Due Date: Between November 1 and January 13
- Provide the current school's registrar with a completed and signed *Authorization to Release Student Records* form.
Due Date: Between November 1 and January 13
- Schedule the evaluation and playgroup appointments
Due Date: After submitting the application

REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL AID APPLICANTS

- Submit the Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) online to the School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS):
<http://sss.nais.org>
The application fee for submitting the PFS online is \$37
Due Date: March 2
- Submit the required backup documents (Signed 2010-2011 Federal Tax Returns with all Schedules and W-2's included, and a signed 4506-T form) to the School and Student Services for Financial Aid (SSS) online with submission of the PFS or by mail (School and Student Services, P.O. Box 449, Randolph, MA 02368-0449)
Due Date: March 2