



# ST. GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## ENGAGING MINDS. INSPIRING VIRTUE.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES APPLYING FOR GRADES 6-8

#### 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 AND INTERVIEWS

##### Grade 6

Children applying to Sixth Grade are required to spend a full day (8:00 a.m. - 3:30 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.

##### Grades 7 & 8

Visiting classes plays an important role in helping a student determine whether or not St. Gabriel's Catholic School might be a good match both academically and socially. We believe this is an important part of the school search process; therefore, the receipt of an application prior to scheduling the shadow visit is not necessary. Children visit with a current student in the grade in which they are currently enrolled. The required student interview may be completed during the shadow visit. Student shadow visits are scheduled for a full day (8:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m.) from November through February. For reservations and information, please call the Admissions Office: 512-327-7755

#### TESTING

Applicants to Grades 6-8 are required to register for the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE). The ISEE is offered in Austin on several dates from October through July. Registration for the ISEE is available online at [www.iseetest.org](http://www.iseetest.org), by mail, or by phone\* (1-800-446-0320). A \$95 testing fee payable to ERB is required.

\*Note: There is a \$20 additional charge for a phone registration.

#### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

In selecting students, St. Gabriel's looks for students of good character and demonstrated academic ability, and who bring a diversity of talents, interests, and experiences. An eagerness to learn, positive attitude, and readiness to work are vital to success in the St. Gabriel's program. 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 GRADES 6-8**

- Complete an application form and submit it with a non-refundable \$150 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**
- Contact ISEE to register for the entrance examination  
**St. Gabriel's school code is 447566**  
**Due Date:** Consult the ISEE guide or website, [www.iseetest.org](http://www.iseetest.org), for registration deadlines
- 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