



Gateway High School

9th Grade Enrollment Application * Due January 29th, 2009

Dear Applicant:

Welcome to the Gateway enrollment application process! Gateway is an exciting, vibrant school that offers a challenging college preparatory curriculum. We are happy that you are looking at Gateway for your high school years. You may be completing many applications, or Gateway may be the only school to which you are applying; either way, I would like to offer some suggestions to help you through this anxious and busy time of high school applications.

Relax. This application process is not meant to make you feel nervous. It is one of the many ways we will get to know you and you will learn about Gateway during the next few months. The questions are designed to give you an opportunity to introduce yourself and to share your thoughts with the Gateway community

Be You. There is no one “right” student for Gateway. There are no “right” answers to the application questions. Be candid in your responses and feel free to take risks.

Ask Questions. If you have any concerns or comments, please feel free to call the school at anytime. The more that you know about our school (and all the schools to which you are applying) the better. Our website is also a great source information- check it out at: www.gatewayhigh.org

We offer prospective students the opportunity to visit Gateway and to “shadow” a current student. If you would like to visit the school please email (enrollment@gatewayhigh.org) to make an appointment (or call 749-3488). Shadowing continues through January 2010. **Shadowing times are Mondays, 8:30-11:25, and 12:30-3:45.** When you call to arrange an appointment, please have up to three specific dates in mind. There are a limited number of shadow spaces available and we do our best to accommodate all requests. We also have 5 open houses throughout the year. Please check our website (www.gatewayhigh.org) to find the dates for these events.

Many people ask why Gateway requires an application when enrollment is determined by a lottery. As a school of choice, Gateway wants to ensure that you will use the application process as a way to decide if Gateway is the right school for you. By visiting the school, reading our materials and responding to the questions we ask, you'll get a good sense of what makes Gateway unique and what you can expect to find if you come. Second, we use the application to help us, if you do enroll, get to know you right away, plan your schedule appropriately and help you make as smooth a transition as you can.

Below is an application checklist of all items that you need to complete. It is a good idea to keep a copy of everything you send to the School.

Application Due by Friday, January 29, 2010

From the Applicant:	From the School:
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Records
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian Form	* Transcripts (from 6 th grade to present),
<input type="checkbox"/> School Photo (optional)	* Standardized testing (CAT 6, CST, SSAT , STAR, etc.),
	* Attendance Records (from current school year)
	* Documentation of Special Education Plan (IEP, 504, etc.) if appropriate.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Input form from your Current Math Teacher
	<input type="checkbox"/> Input form from your Current English Teacher
	<input type="checkbox"/> Input form from Learning/ Resource Specialist (If applicable), and/or Optional Letter of Recommendation letter. (Please send no more than three recommendation letters.)

*The enrollment office must receive the completed Student Statement and Parent/Guardian Form in order to open a file for you. Teacher input forms may be sent directly by the teacher or by the applicant.

If you have any questions during the process, please feel free to call me at (415) 749-3488 or send an email to enrollment@gatewayhigh.org. You may also visit our website at www.gatewayhigh.org. I am excited to get to know you and for you to learn more about Gateway’s award winning programs and services.

Sincerely,
Iris Smith
Director of Enrollment