



2020-2021 Middle School Resource Book



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Wonderland's 2020-2021 Middle School Resource Book.

We hope it makes your selection journey saner.

This book is by no means a complete list of middle schools in Los Angeles. Instead, it comprises the schools Wonderland families choose most often, and a few others we've been told have great reputations. Setting out to end up at the right school can feel daunting, and if you look at any one popular choice in isolation, the odds may feel slim. The good news is there are lots of great options and a strategic approach will likely yield a great middle school for your child and family.

A combination of factors, including information about the school itself, public/private, location, cost, relative ease of admission, transportation, etc. will all factor into which schools you pursue to gain admittance. Other factors include class sizes, student to teacher ratio, teaching methods, test scores, physical facilities, extracurricular programs, religious affiliation, co-ed/unisex, uniforms, etc. It's important to understand the relative importance of each of these things in order to weigh each factor appropriately. Tours of different schools (all virtual this year) will help define the factors that are important. Ultimately, many families get a "gut feeling" when they experience a school that is a fit. Under COVID-19, it's harder to get that "gut feeling" from a zoom meeting. Don't get too caught up in what other people say; everyone has different criteria and every child (and family) is different!

Speaking of which...

Become informed

Tour! Research and explore a few different options to become more informed. Even if private school is not in your budget, it may be interesting to attend a zoom tour of one or more to get a sense of what they offer. For both public and private schools, look on the school's website and see below when and if they have tours available for those we cover. If your 5th grader attends a tour during synchronous zoom time, it is not considered a Wonderland absence. During COVID, please have your child notify their teacher ahead of time via zoom chat or verbally if they will be missing a class time.

Talk to parents you might know whose children attend schools you want to learn more about. This year, you may need to network more to get pre-COVID and post-COVID insights about schools.

Please feel free to do your own research, and if you find a school you think Wonderland parents should know about, do let us know so we can update this resource for all!

One more thing...While it may feel like a particularly daunting experience trying to find the best school community fit for your child(ren) and family during these times of physical distancing, appreciate that the schools are experiencing tremendous uncertainty around planning out the entirety of their recruitment cycles due to the pandemic as well. Thus, please be mindful that, while all of the information contained herein was accurate as of time of initial distribution, things may change! Circumstances are in flux and many of the schools' plans are fluid.

As the state of California and County of Los Angeles open up, schools may offer new, as yet unscheduled, in-person events or may add more virtual events if schools continue to remain closed. Consequently, families should be diligent about checking schools' websites frequently and keeping in touch with the various admissions offices. Be sure to complete online inquiry forms for any school in which your family may be interested so that they have your contact information and can keep you apprised of new or changing offerings or events or other opportunities to get to know the schools' communities. They know families are having tough times navigating these uncharted territories, too! They understand that it may be more challenging for families to get as much information as they need to feel that they can make informed choices about where they are applying. Do not be shy about calling admissions offices or emailing with any questions you may have.

Meet the Middle School Event recording on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/FLKuiwECEH8>

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MIDDLE SCHOOL VISIT CHECKLIST

- School name: _____
- Physical spaces. Well maintained? Clean? Well-supplied?
- Student body diversity?
- Principal engaged?
- Do Teachers have a plan?
- Look at students' displayed works. Appropriate for the grade level?
- How do the classrooms look?
- Are students interacting nicely with each other? Respectfully?
- Rate physical activity and physical fitness resources, spaces, approaches.
- Rate art and music resources, spaces, approaches.
- Available technology?
- Transportation options? Bus?
- After-school programs?
- Class Size? School Size?
- Start time? End time?
- School philosophy?
- Parent involvement?
- Safety?
- For private: Tuition and Financial Aid?
- Matriculation of students after?
- COVID-era adaptability and policies?

NOTES: _____

POPULAR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

RANKED BY WONDERLAND CLASS OF 2020 ENROLLMENT

| Schools: | # | Type / Grades |
|--|-----------|---|
| Walter Reed Middle School (all programs) | 26 | Public SLC-SAS-IHP 6-8 |
| Academy Unknown | 3 | |
| Humanities Academy | 1 | |
| Walter Reed IHP | 19 | |
| Media Arts & Tech | 1 | |
| STEAM | 2 | |
| The Science Academy STEM Magnet | 17 | Magnet 6-11 (plans to grow to 6-12) |
| Girls Academic Leadership Academy (GALA) | 10 | Magnet Girls 6-12 |
| Millikan Middle School (all programs) | 8 | Public Magnet Academies Affil. Charter 6-8 |
| Academy Unknown | 1 | |
| Performing Arts Magnet | 5 | |
| Cinematic Arts Academy | 1 | |
| Math Academy | 1 | |
| The Wesley School | 6 | Private K-8 |
| Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES) | 4 | Magnet 6-12 |
| Thomas Starr King (all programs) | 4 | Public & Magnet 6-8 |
| Film & Media Academy | 1 | |
| Gifted Arts & Tech Academy | 3 | |
| Immaculate Heart School For Girls | 4 | Private Girls 6-12 |
| Laurel Hall | 3 | Private K-8 |
| Portola | 2 | Public Magnet Academies 6-8 |
| ESLA | 2 | Private 6-12 |

(Popular Middle Schools Ranked by Wonderland of 2020 Class Enrollment Continued):

Other Class of 2020 Schools (1 Student Each)

The Brentwood School (Private | K-12)

Hale Charter Academy (Public | Charter |
Magnet | 6-8)

The Buckley School (Private | K-12)

Renaissance Arts Academy (Charter | K-12)

Fusion Academy (Private | 6-12)

The Pilgrim School (Private | K-12)

Geffen Academy (Private | 6-12)

SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

PUBLIC

Los Angeles area public schools offer an impressive range of choices including Magnets (<https://echoices.lausd.net/magnet>), SAS's, Academies, and other smaller learning communities. Each school has a different feel and character, so it's always a good idea to visit and judge for yourself.

Depending on which "gifted" designation your child has, he/she may not be eligible for every gifted program. (See LAUSD's Identification Categories for their Gifted and Talented Programs [GATE]: <http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/2023>.)

The 2021-2022 CHOICES application is used to apply to Magnet Programs for 2021-2022 school year. You can pick up a blank application form at your local LAUSD school and [Los Angeles Public Libraries](#), or you can apply online at Apply.lausd.net

All parents must submit CHOICES application between Oct 1st - Nov 13th. Deadline is still TBD and should be finalized by the end of September. Check at <http://echoices.lausd.net> for the latest info.

Magnet placements will be announced in March 2021. If you have any questions regarding the Choices process, call: (877) 462-4798 or (213) 241-4177.

Article last year in the Hollywood Reporter including some middle schools:

<https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/top-la-public-middle-schools-hollywood-sends-kids-1231511>

SCHOOLS:

1. Bancroft Middle School (Magnet, SAS*) — Grades 6-8
2. Girls Academic Leadership Academy — Grades 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 - new and building to 6-12
3. John Burroughs (Gifted Magnet, SAS*) — Grades 6-8
4. Le Conte Middle School - (2 Magnets, SAS*) - Grades 6-8
5. Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies/LACES (Magnet) — Grades 6-12
6. Millikan Middle School (Performing Arts and SAGE Magnets; Academies; Affiliated Charter) — Grades 6-8
7. Palms Middle School (Modern Media and Communications Magnet, Gifted/High Ability Magnet; SAS*) — Grades 6-8
8. Paul Revere Charter Middle School & Magnet (Math, Science & Technology Magnet)—Grades 6-8
9. The Science Academy (STEM Magnet) – Grades 6-10- expanding to 12
10. Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies/SOCES (Magnet) – Grades 4-12
11. Thomas Starr King Middle School (Gifted/High Ability Arts & Technology Magnet, Environmental STEAM Magnet and Film/Media Magnet) — Grades 6-8
12. Walter Reed Middle School (SAS, SLC**, IHP***) — Grades 6-8

*SAS (School for Advanced Studies); **SLC (Smaller Learning Communities); ***IHP (Individualized Honors Program)

CHARTER

Charter schools are independent public schools (tuition-free) that are allowed to be more innovative than traditional public schools. These charters can be fully independent or district-affiliated, which have closer ties to the district. Currently, there are 277 charter schools (53 Affiliated, 224 Independent) under the jurisdiction of the LAUSD, serving more than 138,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Please see the following links for more information:

- [California Charter Schools Association](#)
- [Charter School Development Center](#)
- [California Department of Education](#)
- [Los Angeles Unified School District Charter Division](#)

Charter schools offer admission based on a lottery system. Each school's system will be a little different, so be sure and double check each school's individual dates and process, as these sometimes change.

SCHOOLS:

1. City Charter School – Grades 6-8
2. Citizens of the World, Silverlake (Grades 6-8)
3. Emerson Community Charter – Grades 6-8
4. Larchmont Charter School – Grades K – 12
5. Millikan Affiliated Charter – Grades 6-8
6. New Los Angeles Charter – Grades 6-8
7. New West Charter — Grades 6-12
8. Magnolia Science Academy — Grades 6-11
9. Paul Revere Middle School Charter – Grades 6-8
10. Gaspar de Portola Charter Middle School – Grades 6-8
11. Renaissance Arts Academy – Grades K-12
12. Valley Charter Middle School - Grades 6-8

PRIVATE & PAROCHIAL

Private and parochial schools boast smaller classes, a lower student-to-teacher ratio, and a greater range of offerings (such as foreign language instruction and greater enrichment opportunities). They can cost anywhere from \$15,000 — \$45,000 a year. Two things to note about tuition costs (usually listed on the websites):

1. Many schools offer generous financial aid packages, so if you have your heart set on a school, it's worth applying to see if aid can make up the difference.
2. On the other hand, many schools assess various fees in addition to their tuition, so your actual costs may be higher than you expect. Parents are encouraged to do their own research and work out the numbers for each school they're interested in.

Tuition for non-secular schools tends to be less than secular, and many schools provide financial aid and some provide merit-based scholarships.

If applicable, be aware of financial aid application deadlines which might require timely tax returns and other documentation. Note: budget time and money for the process of applying to schools, in particular if you are applying to numerous ones. Some schools may waive application fees for low income families.

Many private schools usually require additional testing, although most are not requiring additional test scores for 2021 admissions due to Covid-19.

Most private schools require letters of recommendation from your child's current teacher. Give your teachers plenty of time and notice to write letters of reference, and with some schools, getting letters from current or alum parents is also helpful. It is important to be aware of the different school deadlines.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONSORTIUM INFORMATION

Los Angeles Independent Schools (LAIS) is an organization of two consortiums: The Elementary School Admission Directors (ESAD) serving students grades Pre-K through 6; and the Consortium of Secondary School Admission Directors (CSSAD) serving students grades 7 through 12. The association was formed to help families explore independent school education, and their site is designed to facilitate that exploration: <https://losangelesindependentschools.org/>

The site has not been updated for 2021 admissions at the time of this guide's publication. However, it's a good resource to see a list of private schools by grade level. The 6th grade list is available here:

<https://losangelesindependentschools.org/cat/06th-grade-esad/>

There are rules for those private schools who are part of an independent school consortium, all of whom send out their admission letters (and financial aid packages, if applicable) on the same day: March 12, 2021. Families then have a few days, and sometimes up to a week, to accept or reject these.

When a family accepts their spot, they then have to pay deposits, and commit to the full tuition sometime in June. There is insurance offered by schools, but one policy says the student needs to attend school for a certain time period to be eligible.

Please be aware of financial aid deadlines and processes as well if applicable.

TESTING:

Typically, private schools require admissions test scores like the SSAT or ISEE. However, due to the pandemic and limited access to testing, most private schools are not requiring the tests this year. And a few are accepting the test scores, but not requiring them. Parents should be sure to check with the schools they are applying to for testing requirements.

Beyond test scores, each admission committee looks at many items to determine admissions: the application, current school records, teacher/administrative recommendations, and the interview (most are virtual this year). All components of the admission process help the school and family determine the best school match for each student.

If parents choose for their child to take the ISEE, then parents will need to sign their child up to take the ISEE at a local test site starting as early as November, so scores are available in time for the application deadlines. The ISEE testing facilities are still operating during the pandemic with safety protocols listed on their website:

<https://www.erblearn.org/parents/isee-registration#registration>

ISEE Test Dates: <https://iseeonline.erblearn.org/Search>

The SSAT is offering three ways to take their test: computer test at home, computer test at a Prometric testing facility, or via paper. More details here: <https://www.ssat.org/testing/overview>

DIVERSITY

There is an alliance to help improve the representation of minority students within private schools. They provide counseling, help with the financial process, and other ongoing resources. <http://www.independentschoolalliance.org/>

SCHOOLS:

1. Archer School for Girls — Grades 6-12
2. Berkeley Hall — Grades Pre-K-8
3. The Brentwood School — Grades K-12
4. The Buckley School — Grades K-12
5. Campbell Hall Episcopal — Grades K-12
6. Crossroads — Grades K-12
7. ESLA (Episcopal School of Los Angeles) – Grades 6-12
8. The Geffen Academy – Grades 6-11, planning to expand out to 12th.
9. *Harvard-Westlake School — Grades 7-12
10. Immaculate Heart School for Girls — Grades 6-12
11. Laurel Hall — Grades K-8
12. *Marlborough School — Grades 7-12
13. *Milken — Grades 7-12
14. Mirman School — Grades K-8
15. Oakwood School — Grades K-12
16. Polytechnic - Grades K-12
17. St. James Episcopal School — Grades K-6
18. Saint Brendan School — Grades K-8
19. Topanga Mountain School – Grades 6-8
20. Tree Academy – Grades 6-12
21. UCLA Lab School – Grades K-7, ages 4-12
22. Viewpoint -- Grades K-12

(Private and Parochial Continued):

23. Village Christian School -- Grades K-12
24. Wildwood School — Grades K-12
25. Willows School – Grades K-8
26. *Windward School — Grades 7-12

27. The Wesley School - Grades K-8

* starts in 7th grade.

DETAILED INFORMATION

(alphabetical in each category)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. BANCROFT MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

Performing Arts Magnet; STE[+a]M Magnet; International Baccalaureate World School

929 N. Las Palmas Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038

323-993-3400; <https://bancroftms-laUSD-ca.schoolloop.com/>

- Application Deadline: CHOICES application due between Oct 1st - Nov 13th). Deadline is still TBD and should be finalized by the end of September. Check at <http://echoices.lausd.net> for the latest info.

VIRTUAL TOURS 2020

Monday, October 5, 2020 5:00-6:00 PM

Monday, October 12, 3:00-4:00 PM

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 5:00-6:00 PM

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 3:00-4:00 PM

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:00-6:00 PM

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:00-4:00 PM

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 5:00-6:00 PM

Monday, November 9, 2020 5:00-6:00 PM

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Click on the links below to reserve your spot and receive the Zoom link for the sessions:

G/HA STE[+a]M Magnet link:

<https://forms.gle/hMfxGRFTsKQA2uQy8>

Performing Arts Magnet link: <https://forms.gle/yogGDMFSDAXgES6v8>

STE[+A]M & Performing Arts Magnet Coordinator:

Erin Saporta Scherer, ejs4925@lausd.net, 323 993-3423/3410

2. GIRLS ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (GRADES 6,7,8,9,10, 11 & 12)

1067 West Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019

Tel: (323) 900-4532; Email: ela9670@lausd.net

www.galacademy.org/

APPLICATION

GALA applications will be online October 1, 2020 - January 1, 2021.

SCHOOL TOUR DATES - reservation required - <https://www.galacademy.org/school-tours>

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2020 (4-6pm)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 (6-8pm)

- Zoom information session with Wonderland Elementary, September 30, 2020, 5-7 PM
- Admission is through a simple application process. The application is online from October 1 - January 1 each year here on our website. Prospective students answer some questions and parents answer some questions. Parents, it is important that your daughter fill out her own section of the application. In order to choose a dynamic, well-rounded class, GALA wants to get to know your family, so please complete your application thoughtfully.
- **TEACHER RECOMMENDATION:** GALA needs the name and email of a teacher who will fill out a recommendation (this will be sent to the teacher by GALA). PLEASE follow up with your teacher (emails sometimes go to SPAM). If the teacher recommendation is not received, your application will be incomplete and not considered. If a recommendation is not received by the deadline, GALA emails each parent and teacher 1 time to follow up. After that, your application will not be forwarded to the admissions committee.

3. JOHN BURROUGHS MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

Gifted Magnet; SAS; Dual Language Program (coming soon)

600 S. McCadden Place, Los Angeles, CA 90005

323-549-5000; <http://www.burroughsms.org/>

Magnet and SAS Tours info:

- Not yet published. Usually they offer four tours in the month of October.

Magnet Coordinator: Samuel Corral

Tel: 323-549-5009, 323-549-5003, 323-549-5013, E-Mail: samuel.corral@lausd.net

NOTE: Email is preferred.

- Application Deadline: CHOICES application due between Oct 1st - Nov 13th. Deadline is still TBD and should be finalized by the end of September. Check at <http://echoices.lausd.net> for the latest info.

SAS coordinators: Debbie Lee, SAS Administrator or Florentina Echevarria, SAS

Coordinator telephone: (323) 549-5000

email: fxr2511@lausd.net

4. LECONTE MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

Magnet, SAS

1316 N Bronson Ave, Hollywood, CA 90028

Phone: (323) 308-1700 <http://www.lecontems.net>

Virtual Tour: <http://www.lecontems.net/lcvt/lcvt.html>

HEAT (Health, Engineering and Applied Technology) Magnet; Center of Enriched Studies on Communication and Arts Magnet; SAS

- School Tours: None published yet.
- Magnet Coordinator, Ms. D'Ambra, to make an appointment (323) 308 - 1705
- Application Deadline: CHOICES application due between Oct 1st - Nov 13th. Deadline is still TBD and should be finalized by the end of September. Check at <http://echoices.lausd.net> for the latest info.

5. LOS ANGELES CENTER FOR ENRICHED STUDIES (LACES) (GRADES 6-12)

Magnet

5931 W 18th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90035

(323) 549-5900; <http://www.lacesmagnetschool.org/>

- Open House/Tour: Friday, October 16, 2019 from 10:00am-12:00pm online. At the open house, you will be able to hear presentations from administrators, counselors, parents and students. We hope to "see" you there, please use the following link to register for the Zoom Webinar: [LACES Open House Registration](#).
- If you were unable to attend the open house, we will record the webinar and post it on our website by October 19, 2020. Thanks!
- Application Deadline: CHOICES application due between Oct 1st - Nov 13th. Deadline is still TBD and should be finalized by the end of September. Check at <http://echoices.lausd.net> for the latest info.
- For more information, contact Magnet Coordinator, Mrs. Teresa Bomer: tfiel2@lausd.net

6. MILLIKAN MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

Millikan Middle School Performing Arts Magnet, Performing Arts Academy, Cinematic Arts Academy @ Millikan Middle School, Social and Gender Equity (SAGE) Magnet (new) and Math Academy

5041 Sunnyslope Avenue, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

818-528-1600; <http://www.millikanmiddleschool.org/>

School Tours: sign up - slots are filling up, 20 slots per tour

COME JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL TOUR, AND EXPLORE EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO OFFER. MILLIKAN HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! ON OUR TOUR WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH AN OVERVIEW OF OUR PROGRAMS, INCLUDING OUR TWO MAGNETS - PERFORMING ARTS AND SAGE (SOCIAL AND GENDER EQUITY) - AS WELL AS OUR AFFILIATED CHARTER (HOME OF MATH ACADEMY, CINEMA ARTS, AND PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY).

WE WILL ALSO BE COVERING THE APPLICATION PROCESS, THE TIMELINE, AND IMPORTANT DUE DATES. MR. PORTER, THE MAGNET COORDINATOR, WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING LIVE SESSIONS TO ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS.

CLICK ON THIS LINK TO SIGN UP WHILE SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE: [VIRTUAL TOUR SIGN UP](#)

- 09/30/2020 1:30 p.m.
 - 10/01/2020 9:30 a.m.
 - 10/06/2020 1:30 p.m.
 - 10/08/2020 9:30 a.m.
 - 10/13/2020 9:30 a.m.
 - 10/15/2020 1:30 p.m.
 - 10/21/2020 9:30 a.m.
 - 10/23/2020 1:30 p.m.
 - 10/28/2020 1:30 p.m.
 - 10/30/2020 9:30 a.m.
 - 11/04/2020 9:30 a.m.
 - 11/06/2020 1:30 p.m.
 - 11/10/2020 9:30 a.m.
 - 10/12/2020 1:30 p.m.
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- Magnet Coordinator: Mr. Joseph Porter , jbp8974@lausd.net
 - Application Deadlines:
 - Magnets - CHOICES application due between Oct 1st - Nov 13th. Deadline is still TBD and should be finalized by the end of September. Check at <http://echoices.lausd.net> for the latest info.
 - Academy Applications - Math Academy, Performing Arts Academies. Cinematic Arts Academy applications accepted online by late September 2020 until February, 2021

7. PALMS MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

(Modern Media and Communications Magnet, Gifted/High Ability Magnet, SAS)

10860 Woodbine St, Los Angeles, CA 90034

(310) 253-7600; <http://www.palmsmiddleschool.org/>

Palms Middle School is four schools in one, sharing the campus, facilities, and educational programs:

- The Palms home school, for students in the Palms attendance area
- The Palms Modern Media and Communications Magnet
- The Palms Gifted/High Ability Magnet
- The Palms School for Advanced Studies

Open House/Visitors Days Tours:

Live Q&A Information Nights will be held on October 12, October 14, and October 20.

1. Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, 5:00pm - Zoom links will be posted October 12 for Modern Media and Communications Magnet
2. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020, 5:00pm - Zoom links will be posted October 14 for Gifted/High Ability Magnet.

3. Tuesday Oct. 20, 2020, 5:00pm - Zoom links will be posted October 20 for Modern Media and Communications Magnet and Gifted/High Ability Magnet both in **Spanish**.

Application Deadline:

- Magnet: Application Deadline: CHOICES application due between Oct 1st - Nov 13th. Deadline is still TBD and should be finalized by the end of September. Check at <http://echoices.lausd.net> for the latest info.
- SAS: April and May is the application period for the following Fall. Check the school's website for the latest info.

Magnet Coordinator: Ms. Arlene Weissmann

8. PAUL REVERE MIDDLE SCHOOL & MAGNET (GRADES 6-8)

Math, Science & Technology Magnet

1450 Allenford Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90049

(310) 917-4800 <http://www.paulreverems.com>

Zoom tours are offered each month until March. Sign up links for zoom tours are posted on this page of the website.

Please contact Anne Tierney with questions: anne.tierney@me.com

- Thursday October 22, 2020, 9:00am-10:00am on Zoom
- Thursday, November 12, 2020, 9:00am-10:00am on Zoom - last tour before Magnet Applications are due
- Thursday, January 21, 2021, 9am location TBD
- Thursday, February 18, 2021, 9am location TBD
- Thursday, March 18, 2021, 9am location TBD

Application Information: <https://www.paulreverems.com/domain/304>

Magnet: CHOICES application due between Oct 1st - Nov 13th. Deadline is still TBD and should be finalized by the end of September. Check at <http://echoices.lausd.net> for the latest info.

Magnet Coordinator: Ms. Elana Mabashov

(310) 917-4850

ebm6437@lausd.net

9. THE SCIENCE ACADEMY STEM MAGNET (GRADES 6-10)

(8/25/20 Update:

Campus Tours Begin

SEPTEMBER 15 | 2020

Join us for a virtual tour of our school campus. This is a great opportunity for interested, prospective students and parents to view our school, classrooms, and campus facilities before submitting their eChoices application. Visit our **2020 Campus Tours page** for more details and to RSVP.

Campus Tour Dates

Campus Tours for the 2020-2021 academic year will be held virtually.

September 15th @ 5:00pm

September 23rd @ 10:00am

September 29th @ 4:00pm

October 1st eChoices Opens

October 2nd @ 12:00pm

October 5th @ 1:00pm

October 8th @ 10:00am

October 12th @ 3:00pm

October 16th @ 10:00am

October 20th @ 4:00pm

October 22nd @ 10:00am

October 26th @ 12:00pm

October 29th @ 10:00am

November 2nd @ 1:00pm

November 5th @ 10:00am

November 10th @ 4:00pm

November 12th @ 5:00pm

November 13th eChoices Closes

Please RSVP [here](#), then join us via Zoom on your selected tour date. Contact Jodi Huff, Magnet Coordinator, if you have any questions.

Zoom Meeting ID: 546 069 9614

Passcode: TOUR

Mandatory Assessment Test

NOVEMBER 2020 | date and time TBA

Upon submitting your eChoices application, all interested, prospective students are required to take the Science Academy's Mandatory Assessment test. Inclusion in the magnet admissions lottery will also be contingent upon state test scores (SBAC, CAST) and report card grades. **Please remember to bring your most recent report card and test scores to the assessment.**

G/HG/HA STEM MAGNET

5525 Vineland Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91601, (818) 753-4470; <http://thescienceacademystemmagnet.org/>

Jodi Huff - Magnet Coordinator

- Campus Tours: Please enter the campus thru the Main Office. All tours meet in the Auditorium
 - September 16, 2019 - 9:30 a.m.
 - September 27, 2019 - 12:30 p.m.
 - October 4, 2019 - 12:30 p.m.
 - October 7, 2019 - 12:30 p.m..
 - October 11, 2019 - 9:30 a.m.
 - October 14, 2019 - 9:30 a.m.
 - October 18, 2019 - 9:30 a.m.
 - October 21, 2019 - 12:30 p.m.
 - October 25, 2019 - 12:30 p.m.
 - October 28, 2019 - 12:30 p.m.
 - November 1, 2019 - 9:30 a.m.
 - November 4, 2019 -12:30 p.m.
- Application Deadline: Application Deadline: CHOICES application due between Oct 1st - Nov 8th (or Nov 15th). Deadline is still TBD and should be finalized by the end of September. Check at <http://echoices.lausd.net> for the latest info.

Once you have applied online in eChoices, all students are required to take the Science Academy mandatory Assessment test on November 12, 2019 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Inclusion in the magnet admissions lottery will also be contingent upon test scores (SBAC, CSAT) and report card grades. Topics covered on the eligibility assessment include:

<https://www.thescienceacademystemmagnet.org/assessment-test/>

10. SHERMAN OAKS CENTER FOR ENRICHED STUDIES (SOCES) (GRADES 4-12)

Magnet.

18605 Erwin Street, Tarzana, CA 91335

(818) 758-5600; <http://shermanoaksces.com>

(9/29/20 Updates:

Note: From Next Week, more information will be posted on the website.

2021-2022 Choices Magnet On-time Application Period October 1 – November 13

GENERAL INFO

Sherman Oaks CES typically offers Four tours starting mid-September and ending prior to the application deadline mid-November so parents can make an informed choice when applying. We offer one evening date, one weekend date, and two during the school day. Classroom observations are only available for tours during the school day. Students are welcome.

But not this year..... we have to change it up. Yes,we are doing it virtually

Parent Tour Dates

Zoom Virtual Tours are as follows:

Middle School – Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 6pm

****Zoom links will be posted closer to the date****

All virtual tours will be recorded. If you cannot make the live tour, the recorded version will be available the next morning.

Ms. Tabares will be holding Office Hours starting October 2, 2020, from 8:30am-9:30am. Please make sure to attend a virtual tour or watch the recording prior to attending Office Hours as most questions will be answered in the Zoom Tour. You can also email her at sst8783@lausd.net

The following are dates SOCES will be having Magnet Tours:

- Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 6 pm
- Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 9 am
- Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 9:30 am
- Friday, November 8, 2019, at 9:30 am

All tours will be held in Glenn Hall. Please RSVP by clicking a Parent Tour RSVP link on their webpage:
<http://www.shermanoaksces.com/magnet/>

If you are interested in seeing classrooms, please join us on the Thursday or Friday at 9:30 am tours. **Students are welcome.**

- Application Deadline: CHOICES application due between Oct 1st - Nov 8th (or Nov 15th). Deadline is still TBD and should be finalized by the end of September. Check at <http://echoices.lausd.net> for the latest info.
- Magnet Coordinator, Ms. Sandra Tabares: 818-758-5658, sst8783@lausd.net (email preferred)

11. THOMAS STARR KING MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

Gifted/High Ability Arts & Technology Magnet, Environmental STEAM Magnet and Film/Media Magnet

4201 Fountain Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90029

(323) 644-6700; <http://www.kingms.org/>

(9/29/20 Updates :

2021-2012 Virtual tour and other Information available on following links!

*** Kings Middle School Virtual Tour: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1h1s2JyKKIczANkmXmoblc2BN-avbhphpyhFzt31z3U/present?slide=id.g98103e6d3e_3_51

*Environmental Stem Magnet: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QscTCLmXCqkKNqYPH6c_dxjUuFzYaKvy/view

*Film and Media Magnet:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dsTvPQPNSfe-tTbU1DMHjPDzB2zH3bw5/view>

*Arts and Tech Magnet:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RcuoDuJMTa0apLL0hkknviqkTY3v-ZW9y/view>

*Application Process :

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lxfWquOP8t2hvguMO8RjNvj8m9Ph_bkw/view)

Magnet coordinators:

Maria Turcios, Magnet Coordinator, at mdt9378@lausd.net or Valorie Milio, Assistant Principal over Magnet, at valorie.milio@lausd.net.

12. WALTER REED MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

SAS (School for Advanced Studies); 6 Smaller Learning Communities (SLC): Environmental Science Academy, Global Leadership Academy, Humanities Academy, Technology & Media Arts & Technology Academy; STEAM Academy, IHP (Individualized Honors Program)

4525 Irvine Avenue, Studio City, CA 91602

(818) 487-7600; <http://www.reedms.com/>

(9/16/20 Updates:

1. From Oct. 1, 2020: updated information will be posted on the school website.

2. Oct. 7, 2020 (6 PM) : Prospective Parents Night - go over all the deadlines,schedule, tour..)

- Orientation for Prospective Parents:

- Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019: 6-8pm (note: time to be confirmed), School Auditorium. No need to RSVP.
- Smaller Learning Communities (SLC) brochure, Reed school tour dates/sign-ups, checklist, SLC preference requests, and IHP application materials for 2019-2020 will be available at the event and posted online on October 17, 2019.
- Attendees at the Orientation event will be given priority for SLC tour dates

- Reed School Tours: October – November 2019
 - Tour dates and sign-up forms will be posted October 17, 2019 (check the school’s website)
- Application Deadline:
 - Applications available online after October 17, 2019.
 - Applications usually due the end of Jan. Please call/check website to confirm.
 - IHP assessment usually in early February. Please call/check website to confirm.

Coordinator:

Naomi Kaidin, SLC Coordinator: phone: 818-487-7614; email nxh2173@lausd.net

CHARTER SCHOOLS

1. CITY CHARTER SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

310-273-2489; <https://citycharterschools.org/tcs//>

**** Please note: Information for the 2021-2022 school year has not been posted yet. Please check back with the website for the correct application dates.**

The City School is a public charter middle school currently serving 350 students in 6th through 8th grades. Founded in 2012 by visionary educators and brought to life through the hard work of dedicated parents, admission is based on a lottery system. Our school is open to all residents of California.

2020-21 Enrollment

Our lottery for 2020-2021 school year will take place on March 6th, 2020 at 6:00PM at The City School. All lottery submissions must be received by February 28, 2020 at 11:59pm to qualify for the first round of admissions. All applications received after February 28th will be automatically added to our waitlist.

All lottery entrants will receive an email and/or text message (depending on preferences entered in lottery application) with their enrollment status immediately following the lottery, however the lottery is open to the public. For those families who do not provide a phone number or email address, a physical letter will be mailed within 2 weeks of the lottery informing them of their lottery results & status.

2. CITIZENS OF THE WORLD, SILVERLAKE (GRADES 6-8)

152 N Vermont Ave. *(Co-located with Virgil Middle School)*

Los Angeles, CA 90004

213-784-3519; <http://www.cwcsilverlake.org>

**** Please note: Information for the 2021-2022 school year has not been posted yet. Please check back with the website for the correct application dates.**

School Tours – Middle School Virtual Tours are available! Visit virtually and get to know Silver Lake Middle School at <http://bit.ly/toursilverlakemiddle> ***These tours have not been updated for the '21-'22 school year yet.**

To apply for the 2020-2021 school year: You will need to complete and submit your application to CWC Silver Lake online through the ApplyLA website. Check the school's website for more details.

For questions: **For grades 6-8**, email Danny at daniela.perez-acosta@cwcsilverlake.org or leave her a message at 213-784-3519 and she will return your call at her earliest convenience.

3. EMERSON COMMUNITY CHARTER (GRADES 6-8)

1650 Selby Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024

(310) 234-3100; <https://emersonms-laUSD-ca.schoolloop.com>

SAS is now The EMERSON ACCELERATED PATHWAY (EAP) for Gifted and High Achieving Students. Our new program is founded on the values and ideals of our charter document and is aligned with the state standards for GATE programs.

- Admissions Tours (RSVP required to emersontoursrsvp@gmail.com - RSVP should include: 1) Your name, 2) The name of the school your child currently attends, 3) Your child's current grade, 4) The tour date you'd like to attend, 5) The number of people who will be attending the tour in your group.)
 - **Admissions Tours are not listed for the 2021-2022 school year yet. Please check back with the website.**
- Lottery Application Deadline — TBD. Apply at Goto.lausd.net. Lottery opens in October.

Please contact (310) 234-3100 and ask for Mrs. Dilmore, Coordinator. You can also email questions at emersoncommunitycharter@gmail.com

4. LARCHMONT CHARTER (GRADES 5-7)

6611 Selma Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90028

323-871-4000; www.larchmontcharter.org/

Larchmont Charter is one of the most socio-economically diverse K-12 schools in the country. It is characterized by an involved group of parents, teachers, and students. There are two elementary school campuses (Fairfax and Hollygrove) and the middle school campus (Selma) is in Hollywood. Larchmont was recently named the #1 charter elementary school in Los Angeles (and #2 in CA), ranked in the top 12% of all nationally ranked high schools by U.S. News & World Report and mentioned as a model diverse by design school in LA School Report.

- Admissions Tours
 - Tours and Informational sessions will begin in October 2020. Please see this site to sign up. <https://www.larchmontcharter.org/tour>
- **Important Dates for 2021-22 Lottery**
- November 1, 2020 2021-22 Lottery Application Window Opens
- February 17, 2021 at 5pm 2021-22 Lottery Application Window Closes
- February 27, 2021 at 9am 2021-22 Lottery Drawing at the [La Fayette Park Place Campus](#)
By March 5, 2021 2021-22 Lottery Drawing Results Will Be Emailed or Sent via US Mail

5. MILLIKAN MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

5041 Sunnyslope Avenue, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

818-528-1600; <http://www.millikanmiddleschool.org/>

Millikan Middle School is a Charter school that also participates in LAUSD's Magnet Program. You must submit a separate application for each. For detailed information and applications visit: [Applications/Tours/Information](#)

Performing Arts Academy, Cinematic Arts Academy@ Millikan(CAAM) and Math Academy. Science Academy is now a separate school/program.

If you are interested in any of the Academies - and Millikan Middle School is not your neighborhood School - you also need to apply to the Charter Lottery.

Virtual Tours: Please sign up at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4A-8su7dVVI3JlVwwVE4wMm4C9M-XKw3UgWA1pV-G5F6cQw/viewform>

- 09/30/2020 - 1:30pm
- 10/1/2020 - 9:30am
- 10/6/2020 - 1:30pm
- 10/8/2020 - 9:30am
- 10/13/2020 - 9:30am
- 10/15/2020 - 1:30pm
- 10/21/2020 - 9:30am
- 10/23/2020 - 1:30pm
- 10/28/2020 - 1:30pm
- 10/30/2020 - 9:30am
- 11/4/2020 - 9:30am
- 11/6/2020 - 1:30pm
- 11/10/2020 - 9:30am
- 11/12/2020 - 1:30pm

**SAGE Magnet, Cinematic Arts Academy, Math Academy and Performing Arts Magnet and Academy only*

- WE WILL ALSO BE COVERING THE APPLICATION PROCESS, THE TIMELINE, AND IMPORTANT DUE DATES. MR. PORTER, THE MAGNET COORDINATOR, WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING LIVE SESSIONS TO ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS.

6. NEW LOS ANGELES CHARTER (GRADES 6-8)

1919 S. Burnside Ave, Los Angeles, CA. 90016

323-939-6400; www.newlosangeles.org/

- **Please note: Information for the 2021-2022 school year has not been posted yet. Please check back with the website for the correct application dates.**
- Enroll at ApplyLA.

7. NEW WEST CHARTER (GRADES 6-12)

Grades 6&7: 11625 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064

Grades 8-12 & NWC+: 1905 Armacost Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025

310-943-5444; <http://newwestcharter.org>

- **Open House Date & Times**

February 1, 2020

Session 1: 9:00am | Session 2: 10:00am | Session 3: 11:00am

There is no need to RSVP for an open house session – all prospective families are welcome!

- Application Deadline –**February 21, 2020** All applications **must** be submitted before the application deadline. For those families who did not attend an Open House and/or did not turn in an application by the deadline, you may request to be put on our secondary waitlist.
- Verification Period -
Pico Campus: March 7, 2020 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
March 21, 2020* | Via Email By 2:00 pm

Parents/guardians **must** verify their application submission to receive their lottery number.

- Notification of Admission Status - **April 6, 2020** Admission letters and enrollment packets are mailed to admitted students.

8. MAGNOLIA SCIENCE ACADEMY 6 - PALMS (GRADES 6-8)

3754 Dunn Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90034

310-842-8555; <http://msa6.magnoliapublicschools.org>

**** Please note: Information for the 2021-2022 school year has not been posted yet. Please check back with the website for the correct application dates.**

- Preenrollment: <https://magnolia.schoolmint.net/signin>
- APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submit a pre-enrollment application online or drop off a printed application to the school office. MSA-6 will collect applications beginning August 20, 2019 through 5PM Friday, January 17, 2020. Families who turn in Pre-Enrollment forms by January 17, 2020 will be notified if they are included in the Random Drawing Enrollment Lottery. If an Enrollment Lottery is not required our school will contact families to pick up an enrollment packet or one will be sent in the mail.
- Application Deadline: TBD. Usually mid-January.

9. PAUL REVERE MIDDLE SCHOOL (CHARTER, GRADES 6-8)

1450 Allenford Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90049

310-917-4800; <https://www.paulreverems.com>

Prospective Parent/ Student Tours: Tours begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 11:00a.m. To reserve your spot, click [HERE](#).

When you reserve your spot, please reserve only for the adults in your party and add the number of children attending in the comment section of the sign up. If your preferred date is not available, please select another tour day.

Please contact Anne Tierney with questions: anne.tierney@me.com

TOURS

- September 24, 2020, 9:00am-10:00am, ZOOM
- October 22, 2020, 9:00am-10:00am, ZOOM
- November 12, 2020, 9:00am-10:00am, ZOOM

- January 21, 2021, 9:00am-10:30am, TBD
- February 18, 2021, 9:00am-10:30am, TBD
- March 18, 2021, 9:00am-10:30am, TBD
- Virtual tour available here: <https://www.paulreverems.com/domain/9>
- Applications – <https://www.paulreverems.com/domain/304>

10. GASPAR DE PORTOLA CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

(9/28/20 updates:

School Website: www.portolams.org

Portola: 3 schools & 3 people are in charge of admission

****Please find the attached flyer for the HGM program Zoom Q &A sessions.**

Here is the link for our Interest Survey Form:

<https://tinyurl.com/HGMForm>

Link to our Asynchronous Virtual Tour: <https://tinyurl.com/PortolaVirtualTour>

(Still updating the videos on the Virtual Tour, so please don't share it before September 30th.)

Portola Highly Gifted Magnet
18720 Linnet Street Tarzana, California 91356

ECHOICES OPENS 10/1

6TH-8TH

zoom LIVE Q & A

- Oct. 6, 2020 @ 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
- Oct. 13, 2020 @ 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Oct. 20, 2020 @ 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
- Oct. 22, 2020 @ 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Nov. 3, 2020 @ 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
- Nov. 5, 2020 @ 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

The only public middle school dedicated to the education of highly gifted students

- A program specifically designed to meet the needs of the Highly Gifted student
- Dedicated teachers who have extensive experience teaching the highly gifted student
- The only LAUSD program with an approved math waiver for student acceleration
- Diverse electives: Award-Winning music program, State of the Art New Media technology (Animation, Digital Imaging, Filmmaking), Coding, Engineering Design, Drama, Visual Arts, Dance, Robotics
- Biotech Pathway and Amgen Biotech Experience

To learn more about how to apply, visit www.portolahighlygifted.org or www.portolams.org

TO SIGN UP FOR A Q & A SESSION
go to <https://tinyurl.com/PortolaTour>

1. Highly Gifted Magnet:

On-Time Choices Application Window opens on Oct. 1 thru Nov. 13.

The deadline for HG/HGA identification has been extended until January 29, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s placement into the HGM Program, please contact us at (818) 600-1662 or through email at mahshid.kassiri@lausd.net.

2.The Academy of Integrated Arts and Technology (AIAT) Program :

For all students who wish to apply for the AIAT for the 2021 - 2022 school year, please fill out this Google Form (this takes the place of a paper application - you will be contact for any further necessary information):
<https://forms.gle/vJxP1vJpMiRybYmB6>)

18720 Linnet Street, Tarzana, California 91356

Phone (818) 654-3300 Fax (818) 996-0292

We are starting this school year (2019-2020) as an Affiliated Charter and with WASC Accreditation (Western Association of Schools and Colleges). Our teachers are Digital Citizenship certified this year, and we are proud to announce that we have received a technology grant from Board Member Nick Melvoin’s office to increase the number of Chromebooks in the classrooms for our students. Portola is where your child will thrive and be nurtured to explore and reach their full potential.

Charter enrollment information can be found here: [Portola Charter Enrollment](#).

On this webpage, you can check if your address is within school boundaries by clicking the link to the the left called "LAUSD Residential School Finder." If you are living outside our boundaries, you must complete the Affiliated Charter Permit Interest Form, attached as "Lottery Form" at the bottom of the webpage. We will not have Open Enrollment. (Note, their charter Lottery Form attachment has not been updated yet as of mid September)

All tours Tours begin in the school library at 8:30 am to approximately 10:30 AM. No RSVP is required. Students are welcome.

Gaspar De Portola Tour Dates:

| Tour Date | Details |
|-----------|--|
| 6-Sep-19 | Portola Middle School and Academy of Integrated Arts and Technology Tour |
| 23-Sep-19 | Portola Middle School and Academy of Integrated Arts and Technology Tour |
| 4-Oct-19 | Portola Middle School and Academy of Integrated Arts and Technology Tour |
| 14-Oct-19 | Portola Middle School and Academy of Integrated Arts and Technology Tour |
| 4-Nov-19 | Portola Middle School and Academy of Integrated Arts and Technology Tour |

11. RENAISSANCE ARTS ACADEMY (CHARTER, GRADES TK-12)

2558 N. San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90065. 323-259-5700; <https://www.renarts.org/admissions>

(9/18/20 Update:

RenArts welcomes applications from all students, has no academic or arts prerequisites, and requires no parent volunteer hours. We highly recommend that all prospective families attend an Informational Meeting to ensure that RenArts is an appropriate choice for their child.

Applications received by the April 27 postmark deadline were included in the 2020-21 Admissions Lottery held at RenArts on April 30, 2020. At the lottery, applications were drawn by grade-level and student names were listed in the order drawn.

Lottery results were sent via US mail on May 4th.

Letters sent to accepted families include a deadline by which to accept the offer of enrollment. Waitlist letters include a placement number on the appropriate grade-level wait list indicating the order in which the application was drawn in the lottery.

Late applications are welcome and will be added to the end of the grade-level waitlist.

Applications for 2020-21 school year will become available this summer and Information Meetings will be held in early 2021.)

- Information Meetings held at 6 p.m. on the following dates:
 - February 6th, 2020
 - March 4th, 2020
 - April 14th, 2020
 - April 23rd, 2020

Call office at 323-259-5700 or [click here](#) to reserve a seat at one of the Informational Meetings.

- Application Deadline is April 27, 2020.
- Lottery takes place at 6:00 on April 30, 2020

12. VALLEY CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL (CHARTER, GRADES 6-8)

6th Grade: 14646 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA 91405. 818-988-9128; 818-988-9265

7th and 8th Grades: 6952 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91405. 818-928-4708; 818-928-4706

<https://middle.valleycharterschool.org/>

9/18/20 update:

Thank you for your interest in Valley Charter Middle School. We are now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year.

To apply, click [here](#) to submit an online application.

The deadline for submitting an enrollment application for inclusion in the random public drawing (often called the "lottery") has passed. Any applications submitted at this time will be placed on the waitlist after all those who applied by the deadline.

VCMS offers priority enrollment for certain groups of applicants. No person shall be subject to discrimination on the basis of sex, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic group identification, race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, or disability.

PRIORITY ENROLLMENT

In the event of a public random drawing, admissions exemptions and preferences will be as follows:

1. Existing students (exempt)
2. Siblings of existing students (exempt)
3. Children of faculty (preference)*
4. Students who reside in the attendance area of Andres & Maria Cardenas Elementary School. (preference)
5. Residents of the District (preference)

* Children of faculty will not constitute more than 10% of the school's enrollment.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

If you are extended an offer for priority enrollment, you will need to provide supporting documentation in the enrollment packet to accept the enrollment offer. A verification of your priority will be done prior to finalizing your child's enrollment. If your child is offered priority enrollment and VCMS deems that the child does not qualify, your child will remain on the waitlist.

Once enrollment is reached, the remaining names will continue to be assigned numbers and will be placed on a "wait list" in order. If vacancies occur during the school year, the vacancies will be filled according to the order of the waitlist.

Every family in the random public drawing will be notified of their wait list number by email or telephone. As spaces become available, parents will be notified by U.S. mail, phone call or email. Families will be given a deadline by which to accept the spot and request an enrollment packet.

- Enrollment information:
https://middle.valleycharterschool.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=143176&type=d&pREC_ID=277665. This page was not yet updated for 2020-2021 Enrollment info as of mid September. Please check the school's website for the latest info.
 - Sign up for a school tour using online form on their website
 - Submit online application
- Lottery held in March if the number of students requesting enrollment exceeds the openings)

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

1. ARCHER SCHOOL FOR GIRLS (GRADES 6-12)

11725 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049

310-873-7037; Web: <http://www.archer.org/>

Mission: The Archer School for Girls empowers young women to discover their passions and realize their true potential in an environment that is both ambitious and joyful.

- Complete an inquiry to tour and get more information:
https://archer.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry
- Virtual Open Houses
 - October 11th
 - October 25th
 - November 8th
- Application Deadlines:
 - Sibling Application Deadline: October 9, 2020
 - Guaranteed Interview Application Deadline: November 18, 2020
 - Final Application Deadline: December 15th
- ISEE or other standardized testing will not be accepted, instead, applicants will complete a writing exercise for which advance preparation will be unnecessary.

2. BERKELEY HALL (GRADES PRE-K-8)

1600 Mulholland Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90049

310-476-6421; <https://www.berkeleyhall.org/>

Mission: To empower children to fulfill their unlimited, God-given potential as fearless scholars and conscientious citizens.

- Request admission information form: <https://www.berkeleyhall.org/page/admissions/steps-to-apply/request-admission-information>
- Virtual Open House (RSVP required) at <https://berkeleyhall.myschoolapp.com/page/event-detail?pk=10397430&siteId=920®ister=22684&ssl=1&fromId=192713>
 - October 14th; 3 - 4:30p.m.
 - November 18th; 3 - 4:30p.m.
- Sibling Admissions Deadline: November 23rd
- Admissions Deadline: January 15th

3. THE BRENTWOOD SCHOOL (GRADES K-12)

100 South Barrington Place, Los Angeles, CA 90049

(310) 889-2657 or <https://www.bwscampus.com/>

Statement of Purpose: Brentwood School inspires every student to: Think critically and creatively. Act ethically. Shape a future with meaning.

- To submit an Inquiry Form: <https://www.bwscampus.com/admissions/welcome-to-brentwood-school/inquiry-form>
- To access our application checklist, register for Information Sessions, and begin an application please go to: <https://www.bwscampus.com/admissions/middle-school-grade-6>
- Student Information Session - must register:
 - October 10th, 9 - 9:45am
 - November 7th; 9 - 9:45am
- Parent Information Sessions - must register:
 - October 7th, October 24th, November 21st
 - Saturday, November 16, 2019, 9-11:30 a.m.
- Application deadline: January 15th
- Please note: We will only accept 6th Grade applications from students currently enrolled in public schools, students relocating to Los Angeles, or students whose elementary schools end in Grade 5.

4. THE BUCKLEY SCHOOL (GRADES K-12)

3900 Stansbury Ave., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

818-783-1610 x709 (Admissions); <http://www.buckley.org/>

Mission: The Buckley School is a dynamic, nurturing learning community committed to equity and inclusion. Our innovative teachers and challenging programs inspire creativity, courage, and collaboration. By promoting a balanced development of mind, body, and character, we encourage each student to find joy and meaning in life and make an impact in the world.

- Open House - must register at https://buckleyla.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry
 - October 17th | 1:00-3:00 p.m.
 - November 14th | 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Application Deadline: December 15th

If you have questions, please contact the admission office at (818) 461-6719 or by email at admissions@buckley.org.

5. CAMPBELL HALL (GRADES K-12)

4533 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91607

818-980-7280; <http://www.campbellhall.org/>

Mission: Campbell Hall is a COMMUNITY OF INQUIRY committed to ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE and to the nurturing of DECENT, LOVING, AND RESPONSIBLE human beings.

- Virtual Information Sessions for 1st-6th grade - must register at <https://www.campbellhall.org/virtual---1-6>:
 - October 10th, October 15th, October 28th, November 7th, November 12th, November 18th, December 5th and December 7th
- Elementary Virtual Open House (K-6th Grade), need to register online at <https://www.campbellhall.org/admissions/visit>
 - Oct 24th 9 - 11a
- Elementary School Parent and Student Panel, register online at <https://www.campbellhall.org/virtual---parent->

panel-K-6

- October 29th, November 11th, December 2nd, December 16th
- Sibling Application Deadline: November 13th
- Admissions Deadline: December 16th

6. CROSSROADS SCHOOL for ARTS & SCIENCES (GRADES K-12)

1714 21st St., Santa Monica, CA. 90404

310-829-7391; <http://www.xrds.org/>

“We are a School that was created with a very specific mission: to be a part of the change in the world.” —Bob Riddle, Head of School

To register for virtual tours, you need to create a profile at: <https://www.ravenna-hub.com/login>. Once you're registered you can see a list of offerings and opportunities to RSVP: Events include:

- Middle School Virtual Admission Information Session
- Discover Crossroads! A Virtual Open House - Middle School
- 6th Grade Virtual Tour
- Crossroads Athletics in Conversation - Middle School

- Application Deadlines: 1st - November 20th; Final - January 15th
 - For families new to Crossroads, we encourage you to consider submitting your Application Forms by the optional November 20 deadline if feasible. Doing so, allows your family more options for interview times and spreads the admission experience over several months. Please note that all applicants who submit their materials by the final deadline (January 15, 2021) will be interviewed and receive full consideration.

7. THE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF LOS ANGELES (ESLA) (GRADES 6-12)

6325 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90038

323-462-3752; <http://es-la.com/>

Mission: The mission of the Episcopal School of Los Angeles is to create and sustain a campus devoted to nurturing souls and minds in an intellectually rigorous and spiritually curious academic community. The purpose of the School is to enable young people to thrive in an atmosphere of diversity and to become ethical leaders in communities of faith, the nation, and the world. All work will share the same goal: to manifest and embody what it means to be both a person who loves to learn and a person who responds to what they believe in with their words, faith, and action. In the Anglican academic tradition of honor, respect, integrity, and joy, we will lift up what it means to be a community at work, study, play, and service.

- Registration for open house other events will be live through the Ravenna application portal: <https://www.ravenna-hub.com/inquiries/#/schools/206535>
 - Fall Preview Night: September 22nd
 - Open House: October 20th
- Application Deadline: January 15th

8. THE GEFFEN ACADEMY UCLA (GRADES 6-12)

11020 Kinross Ave, LA CA 90095

310.794.9877; <https://www.geffenacademy.ucla.edu/>

admissions@geffenacademy.ucla.edu

Mission: Geffen Academy at UCLA is a university-affiliated school for students in grades 6-12. We value academic depth and inspiration within a humane educational environment. Our community is guided by principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Geffen Academy students are encouraged to be questioners, analysts, and presenters, who are creative, collaborative, and active young adults. Our students practice their skills, competencies, and relationships with deliberation. Geffen Academy graduates believe that knowledge is beautiful, transformative, and relevant to one's life and civic responsibility in a global community.

- Virtual Q&A, must register to attend: <https://www.geffenacademy.ucla.edu/admissions/contact--visit-us>
 - Tuesday, October 13 // 4:15-6:15 p.m. (Middle and Upper School combined)
 - Saturday, November 14 // 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (Middle School) and 1-3 p.m. (Upper School)
 - Thursday, December 3 // 4:15-6:15 p.m. (Middle and Upper School combined)
- Application deadline: January 4

9. HARVARD-WESTLAKE – (GRADES 7-12)

700 North Faring Road, Los Angeles, CA 90077

310-274-7281; <http://www.hw.com>

Mission: Harvard-Westlake strives to be a diverse and inclusive community united by the joyful pursuit of educational excellence, living and learning with integrity, and purpose beyond ourselves.

*This school starts at 7th grade with a class of 215 kids. If you tour this year, you will be preparing for a 7th grade entry.

10. IMMACULATE HEART SCHOOL FOR GIRLS (GRADES 6-12)

Immaculate Heart High School and Middle School is a Catholic, independent college preparatory school for young women grades 6-12. Virtually 100% of the graduates attend college immediately after high school. Immaculate Heart has been located on a beautiful hillside property in the Los Feliz area of Los Angeles since its founding by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1906.

5515 Franklin Ave, Los Angeles, CA
90028

323-461-3651; <https://www.immaculateheart.org/>

[Interactive Campus Map](#)

- Open House:
 - Saturday, December 5, 2020, time not yet provided
 - No reservation required

- Middle School Meets:
 - One-hour Q & A sessions hosted throughout the fall semester
 - Join Immaculate Heart to learn more about their academic program and extracurricular offerings
 - Space is limited and reservations are required (see dates and times below)
 - October 2, 2020, 1000-1100;
 - October 16, 2020, 1000-1100;
 - October 30, 2020, 1000-1100;
 - November 6, 2020, 1000-1100;
 - November 20, 2020, 1000-1100
- Middle School Shadow Days
 - Individual one-hour visits arranged for incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students interested in entering in the fall
 - Students will attend virtually three different classes and meet the teachers and students in the classroom setting
 - Students will also participate in a Q & A with administration
 - Space is limited and reservations are required (see dates and times below)
 - Mondays
 - October 5, 2020, 0820-0920
 - October 12, 2020, 0820-0920 and 1205-1305
 - October 19, 2020, 0820-0920 and 1205-1305
 - October 26, 2020, 0820-0920 and 1205-1305
 - November 2, 2020, 0820-0920 and 1205-1305
 - November 09, 2020, 0820-0920 and 1205-1305
 - November 16, 2020, 0820-0920 and 1205-1305
 - Thursdays
 - October 1, 2020, 1140-1240
 - October 8, 2020, 0955-1055 and 1140-1240
 - October 15, 2020, 0955-1055
 - October 22, 2020, 0955-1055 and 1140-1240
 - October 29, 2020, 0955-1055 and 1140-1240
 - November 5, 2020, 0955-1055 and 1140-1240
 - November 12, 2020, 0955-1055 and 1140-1240
 - November 19, 2020, 0955-1055 and 1140-1240
- Online application and \$75 application fee deadline: Wednesday, January 13, 2021
- Middle school admissions events
 - Dec 5 Open house
 - Jan 13 Application due
 - Jan 16 at 0830 Entrance examination
 - Feb 1 All application materials due

11. LAUREL HALL (GRADES TK-8)

As a ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Laurel Hall looks to educate the full child -- mind, body and spirit. Its staff works hard to provide a solid foundation so that all of its graduates move into the world a smarter, stronger and more caring citizen. Laurel Hall seeks to grow confident, happy, academically-minded students who begin their high school journey with a solid work-ethic and a strong moral compass.

11919 Oxnard St., North Hollywood, CA. 91606

818-763-5434 x110; <https://www.laurelhall.org/>

- Virtual tours/Information sessions - None scheduled yet but check back to the website frequently as they are in process of deciding on dates.
- Please call the number above or email admissions@laurelhall.com if you have questions, would like to chat over the phone or via web video or would like a tour and dates/times have not yet been posted. Due to the pandemic, the admissions timeline and events are evolving over the course of the season.
- Complete application online here:
<https://appro.rediker.com/apwebonlinereg/index.aspx?schoolid=FCF5ED5396554FDDBD1F108B79426395>
- Supplemental forms: The admissions portal will prompt you to send the recommendation requests electronically. They require the previous year's transcript and current year's transcript when available. This can be sent via mail or sent electronically via the email address above.
- Application Deadline: December 20, 2020
- Application fee \$75
- After submission of application and fee, the admissions office will reach out to schedule a student interview, though parents usually are present, and "shadow morning" where students will be paired with a current sixth grader so they can experience a typical morning. These are often scheduled for the same day. Both are currently planned to take place virtually (though this may change as the pandemic situation evolves). These are generally conducted late November through late February
- ISEE is NOT considered

12. MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL (All-GIRLS SCHOOL — GRADES 7-12)

The oldest independent girls' school in Southern California.

250 S. Rossmore Ave., Los Angeles, CA. 90004

323-964-8450; www.marlboroughschool.org/

admissions@marlborough.org

- Marlborough's admissions process for 2020-2021 will be entirely virtual. To receive updated information about Marlborough's admissions process, including invitations to events to get to know the school, its faculty and administrators and its students better, follow this [link](#) to the [Online inquiry form](#). Once you have filled out an online inquiry form, you will then receive email notification about planned activities and important reminders. You may only RSVP for events once you have registered through the portal.
- There are no planned traditional open houses or tours this year. Marlborough is currently working on assembling a virtual tour that will be available through their website.
- Meet Marlborough through workshops. These are virtual meetings open to prospective applicants hosted by teachers.
- Space is limited and registration is required through the [online portal](#).
- Please follow [this link](#) to see the various workshop options and dates. There are many.

Admissions Checklist and Timeline

- ISEE and SSAT are NOT considered
- January 6, 2021 [Online application](#) and \$150 application fee due (if your family requires a fee waiver, reach out to the admissions office prior to beginning the application at the email address above). Alternatively, they accept the [Standard Application Online \(SAO\)](#). This is also the deadline to indicate financial aid interest. There are other applicable deadlines for financial aid which can be found on the [Marlborough Financial Aid and Tuition page](#).
- Group Activity Sessions. Marlborough's Group Activity Sessions are opportunities for applicants to experience conversation and collaborative problem-solving in an all-girl setting. Group Activity Sessions are led by Marlborough teachers and while it is an experience that is assessed, Marlborough's expectation is "success" across the board for all applicants.

- January 15,2021
 - Character Skills Snapshot due.
 - Transcripts due. Print and complete an Authorization for Release of Records form. Complete the top portion and submit it to your child’s school(s). Request that they send Marlborough your child's first semester/trimester transcripts for the 2020-2021 school year as well as grades/standardizing testing for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years.
 - Recommendation forms due. Recommendations from an administrator (principal or guidance counselor for the 2020-2021 year), math teacher for the 2020-2021 year and English teacher for the 2020-2021 year are required. Athletic, personal, and supplemental recommendations are optional.
- March 12, 2021 Grade 7-8 decisions sent by email.

13. MILKEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL (GRADES 6-12)

Milken Community School is a Jewish day school that has a lower campus (historically, grades 7 and 8 and an upper campus (grades 9-12). Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, 6th grade will be offered for the first time.

15900 Mulholland Dr., Los Angeles, CA. 90049,

310-903-4800 (this is the main office line, Admissions does not have a direct line right now due to pandemic);

<http://www.milkenschool.org>

Online inquiry form

See the following links:

- [Apply](#)
- [Visit](#)

Timeline and Important Events

- Virtual Experience
 - Come and explore Milken online anytime!
- Open House - Sunday, October 25, 2020, 1000-1130
 - For the whole family
 - [RSVP here](#)
- Coffee and Conversation Parent Preview -
 - Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 1000-1100 and Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 1000-1100
 - For parents
 - Speak Directly with administrators, faculty, and students
 - [RSVP here](#)
- Student Experience - Sunday, November 1, 2020, 1000-1100
 - For students
 - [RSVP here](#)
- Signature Program Series
 - Designed for students to discover interest-based programs and hear directly from students involved in these programs
 - Performing Arts - Thursday, November 19, 2020, 1630-1715; [RSVP here](#)
 - Athletics - Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 1630-1715; [RSVP here](#)
 - STEAM - Wednesday, January 20,2021, 1630-1725 [RSVP here](#)
- Monday, January 4, 2021 - Application, student photo, and \$150 application fee due
 - [Create an account online here](#) to receive a myMilken username and password. Then [login here](#).
 - Interviews must be scheduled through the online self-scheduling system after application submitted
- Friday, January 15, 2021 - Supplemental forms and OPTIONAL ISEE due
 - May be submitted via email to admission@milkenschool.org or by mail to

Milken Community Schools, Office of Admission, 15800 Zeldins' Way, Los Angeles, CA 90049

- Supplemental forms: [Administrator recommendations](#), [English teacher recommendation](#), [math teacher recommendation](#), [Hebrew teacher recommendation](#), [transcripts](#)
- Friday, March 12, 2021 - Admission decision notification

14. MIRMAN SCHOOL (GRADES K-8)

Mirman School is an independent, co-educational day school for highly gifted children.

16180 Mulholland Dr., Los Angeles, CA. 90049

310-476-2868; www.mirman.org/

- Admissions Webpage: <https://mirman.org/admission>
- Virtual Admission Tour - Opportunity to learn more about the school
 - RSVP: <https://mirman.org/admission/visit>
- Virtual Informational Meeting (For Parents)
 - Thursday, October 08, 2020, 1800-1930
 - RSVP: <https://mirman.org/admission/rsvp-admission-event>
- Virtual Open House (For Whole Family)
 - Sunday, October 25, 2020, 1400-1600
 - RSVP: <https://mirman.org/admission/rsvp-admission-event>
- Timeline
 - December 11, 2020 IQ test results due
 - See [here](#) for information about Mirman-approved psychologist testers
 - Target qualifying score is 138
 - January 8, 2021 Application and \$180 application fee due - After qualifying IQ test results are received, the admissions office will send a link to the online application
 - January 15, 2021 [Tuition assistance applications](#), [school record](#), and recommendations due. Optional ISEE results due if you will be submitting them.
 - Parent interviews will be scheduled after application submitted
 - Student classroom visit and student interview will be scheduled after application submitted
 - March 12, 2021 Notification of admissions decision and tuition assistance status
 - March 22, 2021 Enrollment contracts due

15. OAKWOOD SCHOOL (GRADES K-12)

11230 Moorpark St., North Hollywood, CA. 91602

818-732-3500; www.oakwoodschool.org/

Virtual Tour: <https://virtualltour.oakwoodschool.org/elementary-campus/>

[Admissions Events](#): (6th Grade considered part of the Elementary School [K-6]; Before event registration will be sent via email, you must complete an online inquiry form: <https://www.oakwoodschool.org/admissions/online-inquiry>.)

- Virtual Prospective Parent Mornings:
 - Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 1000-1200
 - Thursday, September 24, 2020, 1000-1200
 - Tuesday, October 1, 2020, 1000-1200
 - Thursday, October 8, 2020, 1000-1200

- Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 1000-1200
- Thursday, October 22, 2020, 1000-1200
- Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 1000-1200
- Thursday, November 5, 2020, 1000-1200
- Tuesday, November 12, 2020, 1000-1200
- Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 100-1200
- Virtual Prospective Parent Coffee with the Athletics Director - Friday, December 4, 2020 at 0900
- Virtual Understanding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Oakwood - Evening, Thursday, January 14, 2020
- Prospective Parent Secondary Campus Tours for K-6 applicant families interested in touring the secondary campus - Dates TBD
- Small Group Informal Parent Coffees - Dates TBD
- Step-by-step admissions guide: <https://www.oakwoodschool.org/file/admissions-documents/Admission-ChecklistNew20-21.pdf>
- All applicants are invited to participate in a grade level playdate/screening. The school will contact applicants for an appointment. Students will participate in activities and parents will have an opportunity to ask questions. These visitations are likely to be virtual this year.
- ISEE or SSAT are NOT required. Applicants should sit for exams no later than January 15, 2021.
- Application (K-6) and \$150 application fee due December 14, 2020
 - Apply here: <https://oakwoodschool.myschoolapp.com/app#login/apply>
- Supplemental application forms due January 06, 2021
 - Find supplemental forms here: <https://www.oakwoodschool.org/admissions/supplemental-application-forms>
- Financial aid forms due January 10, 2021
 - Tuition and financial assistance information can be found here: <https://www.oakwoodschool.org/admissions/affording-oakwood>
 - Financial aid form can be found here: <https://www.oakwoodschool.org/admissions/financial-aid-application>
- Notification of admission decisions March 12, 2021

16. POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL (GRADES K-12)

1030 E. California Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91106

626.396.6300; www.polytechnic.org

The oldest, nonprofit, independent school in Southern California.

Fill out an online inquiry here: https://polytechnic.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

Then create a username and password.

- Polytechnic's application for the 2021-2022 school year will be available in October 2020
 - https://polytechnic.schooladminonline.com/users/sign_in
- Middle School Virtual Previews
 - These events offer applicant families the opportunity to hear from Poly students, faculty, and administrators and to learn about their community. Preview events provide an overview of each division's academic and co-curricular programs and the values of the school
 - Sunday, October 18, 2020, 1300-1430
 - Saturday, November 14, 2020, 1000-1130
 - Thursday, December 3, 2020, 1800-1930
 - You must submit an [inquiry form](#) if you wish to RSVP for a virtual preview.
- Middle School Virtual Information Sessions

- Hosted by a member of the admissions team, these Zoom information sessions are virtual fora for prospective parents to learn more about the admissions process, as well as the Poly community experience. The Information Session includes an opportunity for Q & A.
- To RSVP for an Information Session, please email Elsi Bediako at ebediako@polytechnic.org
- Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 1000
- Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 1830
- Monday, October 19, 2020, 0800
- Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 1200
- Wednesday, November 11, 2020, 0900
- Monday, November 16, 2020, 0800
- Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 1830 (they will also have a Spanish-language breakout room at this session)
- Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 0800
- Application and \$100 application fee due January 11, 2021
- Teacher and administrator evaluations, transcripts due January 29, 2021 (these are all requested online through the [application portal](#))
- Student statement (response to short essay question) and parent statement (completed through the online [application portal](#)) are due January 29, 2021
- ISEE is NOT required
- Visit days (more information to come; schedule online after submitting application and fee)
 - Planned to be virtual this year
 - In lieu of an “interview” applicant students will join 10 - 15 other applicants and teachers for group team-building projects
 - Held early November through January, last on average 45 - 60 minutes though will be scheduled as a 2 hour appointment
- Admissions decisions and financial aid notifications announced March 5, 2021

17. ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL SCHOOL (GRADES K-6)

An Episcopalian school founded some 50 years ago.

625 S. St. Andrews Place, LA, CA 90005

213.382.2315; www.sjsla.org/

Contact Emmy Gilliam at the above number or egilliam@sjsla.org with any questions.

- Virtual open house October 24, 2020, 1000-1200
 - Register here: <https://www.sjsla.org/admission/visit-campus/>
- Information session with more focus on curriculum entitled “Teaching Kindness: St. James’ Affective Curriculum” November 14, 2020 time TBD
 - Register here: <https://www.sjsla.org/admission/visit-campus/>
- Submit an inquiry here: https://sjsla.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry Tours are not required but are being conducted in person, one family at a time, in masks. You can request this by emailing Ms. Gilliam at the email address above, calling the office at the number listed above, or by submitting an inquiry here: https://sjsla.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry
- Online application portal registration: https://sjsla.schooladminonline.com/users/sign_in
- Admissions page here: <https://www.sjsla.org/admission/apply/>
- Although applications are not due until December 4, 2020, St. James’ asks that families who are ready to apply earlier do so as soon as possible. Applications can be submitted online.
 - Reserve a visit to campus.
 - Complete online application and submit \$100 application fee by December 4, 2020
 - All applicants will visit virtually with teachers as part of the admission process. Child visits are held by appointment November-January

- Financial aid applications due on December 15, 2020
- Submit supplemental materials due January 15, 2021:
 - Parent/Guardian Questionnaire form
 - Teacher recommendation form is required from your child’s current teacher as part of the application process for applicants.
 - Transcript request form is required for all sixth grade applicants
- ISEE IS required and St. James’ currently plans to offer the exam later in the year. This can be scheduled through the application portal after registering and once dates are available.
- Virtual parent interviews are scheduled from November through January by the Admission Office after the completed application and all supplemental forms are received. These may not be required this year due to pandemic but check the admissions portal frequently.
- All current requirements, time frames, and meeting formats (ie, eg, live vs. virtual) are subject to change over the course of the admissions cycle depending on the pandemic situation.
- Admissions decisions and tuition assistance decisions will be communicated on March 5, 2021

18. SAINT BRENDAN SCHOOL (GRADES K-8)

A Catholic school founded in 1915.

238 S. Manhattan Place, LA, CA 90004

213.382.7401; www.stbrendanschoolLA.org

Admissions site: <https://www.stbrendanschoolla.org/admission-requirements>

- Virtual Tour October 15, 2020 at 1830
 - Contact the school to reserve a spot and receive details on how to join the tour
- Virtual Information Night for Prospective families November 12, 2020 at 1830
 - Contact the school to reserve a spot and receive details on how to join the information night
- Requirements
 - Completed admissions application
 - Application fee \$25
 - There is no exact “due date” for the application, fee, and supplemental forms and information (see below). Historically, they accept applications for about three weeks from the time the application is offered but given the pandemic situation, this is somewhat fluid. The administration recommends returning completed applications and fees as soon as possible.
 - Similarly, families are notified of acceptance decisions in a rolling fashion as well.
 - Current photograph
 - Copy of birth certificate
 - Copy of up-to-date immunization record
 - Copy of baptismal certificate
 - Copy of first holy communion certificate, if applicable
 - Most recent report cards and standardized test reports, multiple years for both if applicable
 - Letter of recommendation from current school
 - Academic readiness exam (administered at St. Brendan School in March with notification in early April. These will be scheduled after applications are submitted. The school is undecided at this time what format this will take due to pandemic situation and is in evolution)
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- Open House Catholic Schools Week - January 26, 2020, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Applications for entry Fall 2020 will be available at the Catholic Schools Week event
- Application Deadline: February 7, 2020
- Testing will take place in March, with notification in early April

Application for Admission: https://6dc239cb-98b0-408e-a786-18a9bab92444.filesusr.com/ugd/e7e7ba_df8c80c821cf43b5a38b8e0698206210.pdf

Recommendation Letter: https://6dc239cb-98b0-408e-a786-18a9bab92444.filesusr.com/ugd/e7e7ba_82ae4aaba215479db054491d983d0a6c.pdf

Registration for 2021-22 academic year:

Contact the school office any time during the current school year

Campus

Tours:

In an effort to keep our campus safe, all tours will be held virtually until further notice. More tour dates will be added in the future

October 15, 2020 - 6:30 p.m. - Virtual Tour

November 12, 2020 - 6:30 p.m. - Virtual Information Night for Prospective Families

Contact the school office to reserve a spot and receive details on how to join the tour

Applicant Testing:

Will take place in March, with notification in early April

APPLICATION DEADLINE (?)

19. TOPANGA MOUNTAIN SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

5920 Shoup Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

818-346-8355; <http://www.topangamountainschool.org>

- Admission Tours | Tours begin in (?). Please RSVP your space by calling the school office: (818) 346-8355 and/or via the admissions inquiry: <http://www.topangamountainschool.org/admissions-inquiry>
Please contact the school office to RSVP, for details, and to be added to our mailing list
- **Application Deadline:** TBA

Due to COVID, school is closed, working at home remotely. Fill out the Inquiry Form online or leave a message to hear back from the Administration Office.

20. TREE ACADEMY (GRADES 6-12)

8628 Holloway Drive, West Hollywood, CA 90069

424.204.5165; <http://www.treeacademy.org/>

- Virtual tours and In-Person tours available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays - MUST call to schedule an appointment - latest appointment accepted is by 2:30pm
- Please contact: Sarah.Moore@TreeAcademy.org for additional questions
- **OPENHOUSE - TREE ACADEMY ONLINE PRIVATE TOURS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AND FAMILIES:**
 - Saturday, Nov. 7 12:00pm-1:00pm
- RSVP by clicking the link below: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tree-academy-online-private-tours-for-middle-schoolers-and-families-tickets-110717001532>
- **Application Deadline:** There is no deadline date as of right now (per Sarah Moore)

Due to COVID, school is closed. Fill out the Inquiry Form online or leave a message to hear back from the Administration Office.

21. UCLA LAB SCHOOL – (GRADES K-7, ages 4-12)

330 Charles E. Young Drive North, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1619

310-825-1801; <http://www.labschool.ucla.edu>

- Virtual Tour schedules for the following school year will be available on the website by **Sep. 30th**
- **Application Deadline:** TBA

22. VIEWPOINT (GRADES K-12)

Viewpoint School, 23620 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, CA 91302

818-591-6500; <http://www.viewpoint.org/>

- To schedule a virtual tour or speak with a member of our team, please contact: 818-591-6560, or email: admission@viewpoint.org
 - Complete an [inquiry request](#) to receive emailed invitations to future admission events.
- **Application Deadline:** December 15, 2020

Please note: Test Optional Information: Due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic and the significant and varied challenges it presents for our prospective families, **Viewpoint has modified our admission process for the 21-22 year to adopt a test optional policy regarding the ISEE or SSAT. Applies to students applying to the 21-22 school year only.**

23. VILLAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (GRADES K-12)

8930 Village Avenue, Sun Valley, CA 91352

(818) 767-8382 ; <http://www.villagechristian.org/About/Middle-School.aspx>

- Please contact admissions@villagechristian.org to schedule a phone appointment
- Campus Tour Reservation Request: Please fill out the campus tour request form and our Admissions office will contact you about scheduling your tour.
 - Please **CLICK HERE** to submit a tour request form
- Tours for the following school year will be scheduled beginning in **October 2020**
- We limit the number of students we can accommodate for each Shadow Day, so please **click here** to reserve your student's spot!
- **Priority Application Deadline:** February 1
Standard Application Deadline: March 15

24. WILDWOOD SCHOOL (GRADES K-12)

11811 Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA. 90064

310-478-7189; www.wildwood.org/

Please note: An [inquiry form](#) must be submitted first before you may register for a virtual *First Look* session.

- Admission Tours: Applicant and parent/guardian must attend tour before submitting application
- Start your admission process by filling out our [Admission Inquiry Form](#). Questions? Please contact Tisa Habas
- Prospective middle and upper school families are encouraged to attend virtual events, including *First Look* sessions and additional virtual events (*TBD*), which are designed to introduce you and your child to the Wildwood curriculum, faculty, and current students and parents.
- **Application deadline:** December 14, 2020

25. WILLOWS SCHOOL (GRADES K-8)

8509 Higuera St., Los Angeles, CA. 90232

310-815-0411; www.thewillows.org

Please note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, **personal tours will be by appointment only with a member of the Admissions Team. Tours will be scheduled after the online application has been submitted.** Tours will be approximately one hour in length and held during the week on school days. No group tours will be held until further notice.

- If you have any questions, please contact Cody Gutches - Admissions Office at (424) 258-3548
- MS VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE October 3, 2020 9:00 AM
- MS VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE November 7, 2020 9:00 AM
- MS OPEN HOUSE (ON CAMPUS) January 9 2021 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS DUE:** January 15, 2021

26. WINDWARD (GRADES 7-12)

11350 Palms Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90066

424-289-1000; <http://www.windwardschool.org>

- **New Inquiry:** https://windwardschool.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry
- **Student Shadow Afternoon Open Houses:**
 - October 22, 2020
 - November 14, 2020
- **Prospective Parent Open Houses:**
 - October 15, 2020
 - November 19, 2020

- **Application Deadline:** December 14, 2020

Please note: For the 2021-2022 admissions season, applicants will not be required to take the ISEE for Windward School. In place of the ISEE, 7th Grade applicants will be given a writing prompt to complete at the time of the interview. Students who are applying to Grades 8-11 will be required to take a one-hour virtual exam that will cover reading comprehension and writing.

27. The Wesley School (K-8)

4832 Tujunga Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91601

(818) 508-4542; <https://www.wesleyschool.org/>

- Please feel free to call us at any time with your questions on our direct line: (818) 508-4717. You can also reach us via email at admissions@wesleyschool.org.
- **Please join us for a Virtual Open House Tour:**
register at <https://www.wesleyschool.org/admissions/admissions-events/ls-register>
 - Oct. 3 9am
 - Nov. 7 9am
 - Dec. 5 10:30am
 - Jan. 9 10:30am

- **Application Deadline for All Grades:** January 15, 2021

Please note: due to health and safety concerns, additional information about the kind of testing required for 1st-4th grade applicants is forthcoming. In addition, we will not be requiring the ISEE test for those 5th-8th grade applicants applying for the 2021-22 school year.

ADVICE FROM FORMER WONDERLAND PARENTS

“Know your child and pick a school that is right for him/her, not one that you think gives him/her the best chance of getting ahead of everyone else.”

“Include parochial (less pricey) or private (more pricey) schools in your search, to keep your options open.”

“Millikan now has 2000+ students attending.”

“We never expected to choose a parochial school, but we ended up on the waiting list of the magnet school of our choice. Fortunately, we had done all of the advance prep to get into Laurel Hall, and we knew it was a great option. (Kids must take separate tests for parochial/private schools, and those tests are usually taken around November - January. Also, private/parochial school applications are due earlier than magnet applications.)”

“Quality of instruction can be more important than the number of students in a classroom.”

“It was not a good idea to send her to a school for one year where all the kids had been together since kindergarten.”

“With a school like Millikan it is not necessary to spend the money on private school in middle school.”

“The Charter schools are a good back up (if it’s not your first choice). Most times they go through the waitlist very quickly just before school starts - and sometimes within the first few weeks of school starting, you’ll get a spot.”

“While your child is in 4th grade, visit all possible middle schools and eliminate the obvious misfits. While your child is in 5th grade, take your child to visit only the schools you are seriously considering.”

“If your child qualifies, apply to the magnet program where there will be choices and they can accumulate magnet points. Consider also, non-magnet choices for your child for middle school, especially schools such as Walter Reed’s IHP (Individualized Honors Program). Apply to a magnet during that time so you don’t lose your points for high school. There is the private school choice, but I find my son (who now is in 10th grade at North Hollywood High (in the Highly Gifted Magnet) is getting an excellent public school education.”

“Consider the community of students. If your child is surrounded by peers who share similar passions or interests it can make the school experience more exciting and rewarding.”

“Last minute places become available for schools right up until the school year starts.”

“If you want a private school education, but can’t afford it, ask for scholarships. Many schools have ‘flexible’ tuitions.”

“Make sure you tour all the schools and start early. Many magnets only have one tour. If you miss the tours you don’t get another chance.”

“Make the decision based on what you think is the right fit for the child once you have gone there, and what your teacher recommends.”

