



# Agenda

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# Types of High Schools

## **Public**

Large, diverse range of academic levels, sports and extracurricular activities, some schools have small academies/schools, must live in district or have **inter-district transfer**, no tuition, (Berkeley HS, Oakland Tech, Albany HS, Piedmont HS).

## **Religious**

Medium to large, students apply, different levels, sports programs, tuition \$19,100+.

## **Independent**

Small, students apply, college prep, tuition \$42,000, up to \$47,000 LW (with the exception of Maybeck which is \$37,875+)

## **Boarding Schools**

Small, students apply, live on campus, college prep, tuition is \$63,000 (CA) to \$61,200+ (CSWeston)

## **Charter & Alternative**

REALM (Berkeley), Oakland School for the Arts, Millennium HS (Piedmont). Do not have to live in the district.



# 2014-2018 High School Placement 185 Students

<b>Independent Schools</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>French Education</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8%</b>
Athenian School	2		International High School	8	
Bentley School	4		Lycée Francais de San Francisco	2	
College Preparatory School	14		French Schools Abroad	5	
Cambridge School of Weston	1				
Head-Royce School	4		<b>Religious Schools</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19.5%</b>
Holden HS	1		Bishop O'Dowd HS	10	
Laguna Blanca School	1		Saint Mary's College HS	22	
Lick-Wilmerding HS	4		Other	4	
Marin Academy	2				
Maybeck HS	1		<b>Public Schools</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>52.5%</b>
Orinda Academy	1		Berkeley High School	64	
SF University HS	2		Oakland Technical HS	8	
			Other	25	



# Application Components For Private Schools

## **Main 5 components:**

1. Application – Essay(s)
2. Interview
3. Grades – 7<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 8<sup>th</sup>
4. Teacher Recommendations – English, Math, Counselor/Principal
5. Admission Test Scores – ISEE or SSAT (Independent), HSPT (Catholic)

## **Extras:**

1. Impressions – from shadow visits, open houses and other contact with the school
2. Legacy – siblings, parents
3. Group Members – Diversity, specific talents that the school may need (jazz band, orchestra, etc.)

## **Admission Committees:**

1. Made up of multiple staff members from a school, not just the Office of Admission
2. Each member may emphasize a different factor – test results, essay writing, sports, etc.



# Public High Schools

- **Attend Information Sessions at the schools:**
  - Berkeley High School and Oakland Tech usually have them in November (date TBD)
- **Signup for tours and shadow visits**
  - Berkeley High School holds daily tours Oct-March (reservation required)
  - Oakland Tech offers tours and shadow visits
- **Register at the district for your local high school:**
  - Berkeley High School is usually in the month of December
  - Oakland Tech is usually November thru February
- **Inter-District Transfers to Berkeley High School**
  - Must first be released from your neighborhood district. Dates of applications vary from district to district – Oakland starts on March 1. West Contra Costa is first week of January
- **Placement Tests for World Languages and Math**
  - April or May



# Timeline of High School Process For Private Schools

## **7th Grade (Spring)**

Alumni High School Night for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders (Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 6:30pm)

Private High School Fair (April TBA)

Individual high school meetings (April/May/June)

Practice HSPT at Bishop O'Dowd or Saint Mary's (Saturdays, April 6 and April 13)

## **Summer before 8<sup>th</sup> grade year**

Test preparation (optional)

## **8th Grade (Fall)**

Attend High School Presentation beginning of September 2019 (Date TBD)

Do *online inquiry* (private schools), attend Open Houses, schedule visits & complete applications

Test Prep Class at EB (Optional) will be offered as an elective

## **January of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Applications Due

- First week of January for most Catholic Schools (O'Dowd is December thru January)
- Second week of January for the Independent Schools

## **Admission Tests (required for private schools only)**

- HSPT for Catholic Schools (January 11 or 18, 2020 at the schools)
- ISEE for Independent Schools (EB is a test site on November 23, 2019 and January 25, 2020)

## **Mid-March**

Decision Letters/Emails Arrive



## Students' Responsibilities For Private HS Candidacy

- Keep academic record strong (minimum requirement)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 8<sup>th</sup> grade are submitted for application
- Research the schools – websites, HS fairs, open houses, EB presentations
- Shadow at the high schools
- Complete applications by the deadlines
  - includes one or two 500 word essays for most high schools
- Interview (if applicable)
- Prepare for Admission Tests



## Parents' Role

- Research Schools (7th & 8th Grade)
- Create admission accounts at the individual private high schools starting in **mid to late August and early September**. This allows you to -- sign up for open houses, schedule shadow visits, access application material and register for the interview.
- Register to take the ISEE (at EB in November and January) – if applicable
- Set Appointments for Visits and Shadow days (August and September)
- Complete Applications (Parent Section)
- Complete Financial Aid Forms (if applicable)
- Interview (schedule for your child) – For January and February after application (most schools).
- Oversee the process with your child





# High School Counseling Support

- Tonight's meeting
- Alumni High School Night for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders (Wednesday, April 3, 2019)
- High School Fair – Last week of April or first week in May at Bishop O'Dowd HS
- Individual Meetings with Families (April/May/June)
- High School Application Process Meeting (September 2019)
- Admission Director Lunchtime Visits (September/October 2019)
- Ongoing Counseling and Support with Students and Parents
- High School Counseling:
  - Interview coaching
  - High school discussions
  - Reminders
  - Essay review
- Official:
  - Transcripts for 7th and 8th grades
  - Letters of recommendation from English, Math, and Counselor/Principal



*Thank You!*

*Merci !*



## French American International School

## International High School

