



Kindergarten Admissions Procedure

1 **CAMPUS TOUR**

Attend one of our monthly School Day Tours or Saturday Open Houses or call our Admissions Director, Kate Hohn, to schedule a private tour.

2 **APPLICATION**

Complete the Application for Admission and Parent Questionnaire and submit with your \$100.00 Application Fee. An application must be submitted in order for your child to be included in one of the Kindergarten Readiness Assessments.

3 **TEACHER RECOMMENDATION**

Please give the Student Evaluation Form in this packet to your child's current preschool teacher.

Include a stamped envelope addressed to:

Gateway School Admissions
255 Swift Street
Santa Cruz CA 95060

Please note that Teacher Recommendations cannot be hand delivered; they must be mailed directly to Gateway School by the teacher.

4 **KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENT**

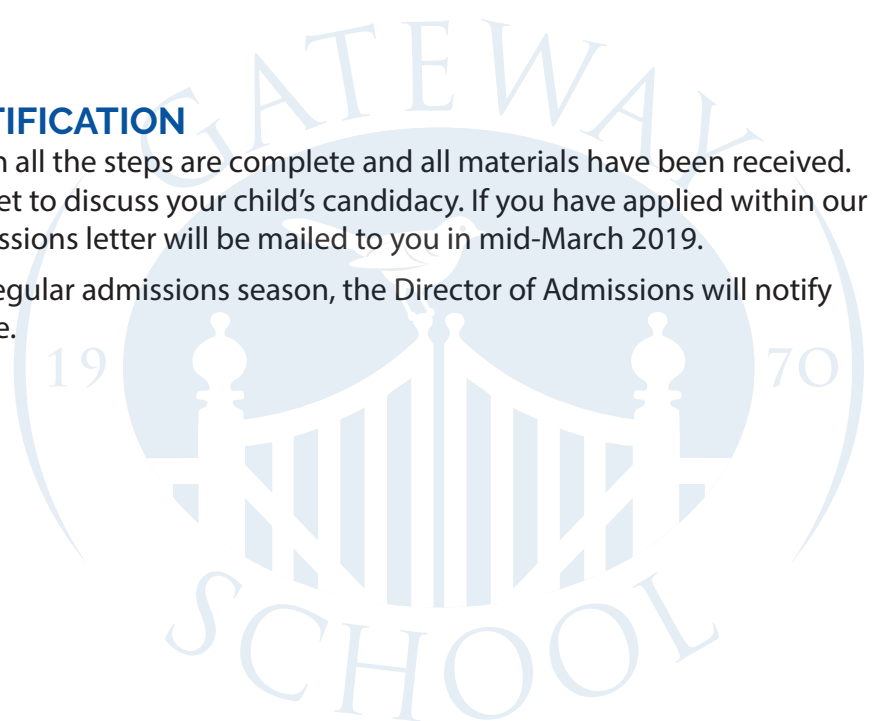
Schedule your child in a Kindergarten Readiness Group:

Saturday, February 8, 2020
Saturday, February 22, 2020

5 **CONSIDERATION AND NOTIFICATION**

Applications will be evaluated when all the steps are complete and all materials have been received. Our Admissions Committee will meet to discuss your child's candidacy. If you have applied within our regular admissions season, an admissions letter will be mailed to you in mid-March 2019.

If you have applied outside of our regular admissions season, the Director of Admissions will notify you when a decision has been made.





Flexible Tuition Puts a Great Education Within Your Reach

Flexible Tuition at Gateway

At Gateway we continue to strive to make our educational experience accessible to all.

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How Does it Work?

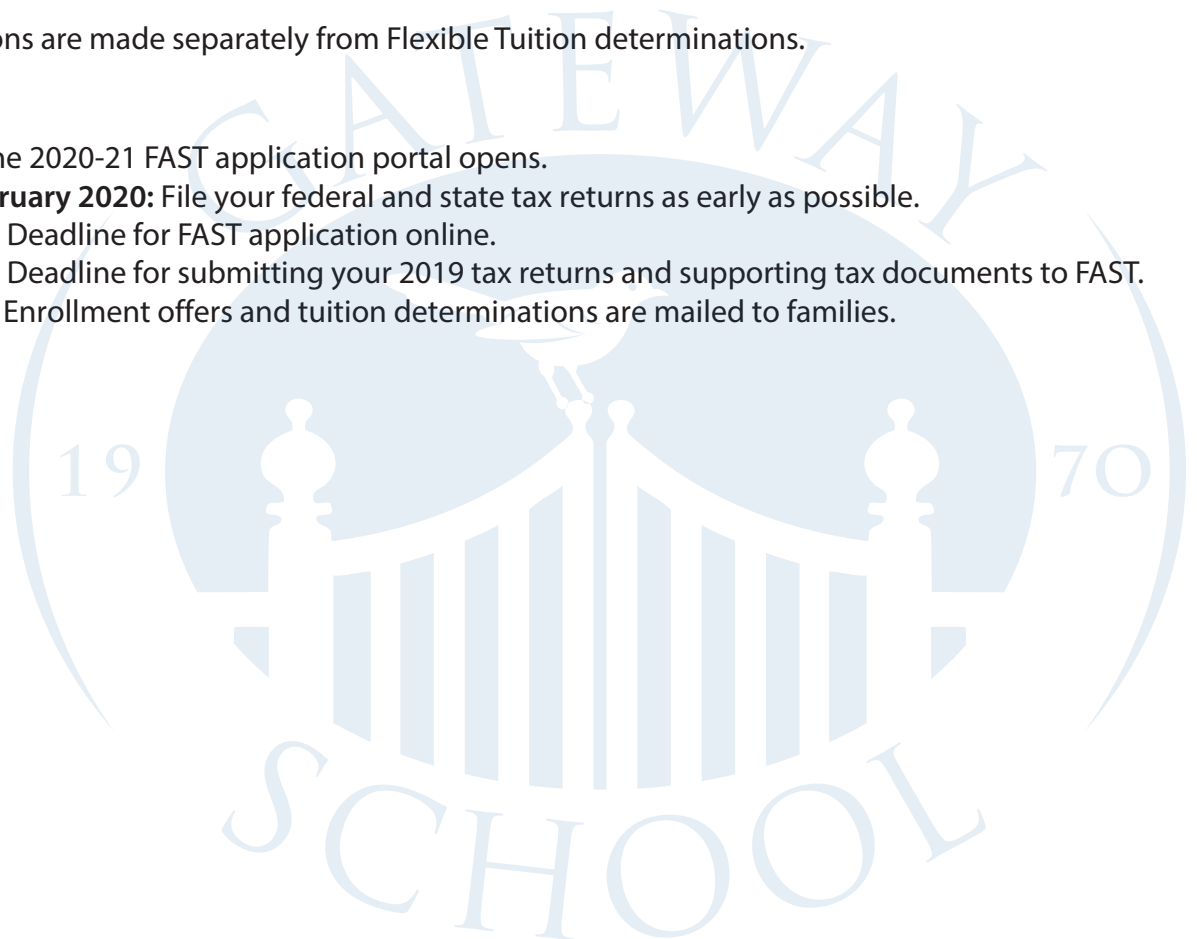
Flexible Tuition is based on the principle that a family's financial commitment should be in equitable proportion to its financial resources. The same financial information is asked of all parents who wish to participate in the program. FAST (Financial Assistance for School Tuition) is used to determine each family's contracted tuition for the coming school year.

Tuition determinations are made by a family's entire financial profile, not solely income, and are assessed by the Gateway School Flexible Tuition Committee. All Flexible Tuition information and family data are completely confidential.

Admissions decisions are made separately from Flexible Tuition determinations.

Key Dates:

- **January 1:** The 2020-21 FAST application portal opens.
- **January/February 2020:** File your federal and state tax returns as early as possible.
- **February 15:** Deadline for FAST application online.
- **February 28:** Deadline for submitting your 2019 tax returns and supporting tax documents to FAST.
- **March 2020:** Enrollment offers and tuition determinations are mailed to families.



Please attach
Student's photo
(here) or email



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|-------------------------|
| OFFICE USE ONLY |
| Fee_____ Date Recd_____ |
| Check_____ Cash_____ |
| DB__Eml__CL__Spsht__ |
| DatAcc_____ DatEnr_____ |
| Note_____ |
| _____ |

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Please include: \$100 non-refundable application fee

Return forms with application fee to the Admissions Office: Gateway School, 255 Swift St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Gateway School is committed to recognizing the rich diversity of our students. If you have any questions about any of the information we are collecting, please don't hesitate to discuss with us.

For Academic Year: _____ **Applying for Grade:** _____ **Date:** _____

**Student's
Name:** _____

First

Middle

Last

(Nickname)

Birth date: _____

Address: _____

Street

City/State

Zip

Gender: _____ Female _____ Male _____ Decline to State _____ Something else (please share here) _____

Child's preferred gender pronoun: _____ She _____ He _____ They _____ Something else (please share here) _____

Child's sex listed on birth certificate _____ Female _____ Male _____ Intersex/Other (See below if you wish to share details)

You may share this information privately via an attached note or set up a time to discuss this in person. This information will be kept private and confidential and will not affect your child's enrollment.

Ethnic Identity (optional)

African American

Asian American

Caucasian

Latino/Hispanic Amer.

Middle Eastern American

Multiracial American

Native American

Pacific Island. Amer.

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/ Guardian 1

Student's primary residence

Parent/ Guardian 2

Student's primary residence

Full Name

Full Name

Address (if different from Applicant's)

Address (if different from Applicant's)

City

State

Zip

City

State

Zip

Profession/Position

Place of Employment

Profession/Position

Place of Employment

Home Phone

Business Phone

Home Phone

Business Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Cell Phone

Email

Parents

Married

Divorced/Separated

Single

Domestic Partners

Mother Deceased

Father Deceased

In the case of divorced or separated households, correspondence from the school should be sent to:

Name(s)

Language(s) most often spoken at home _____

SCHOOLS ATTENDED

| | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----|
| Current School | Grades Attended | Current Teacher | |
| Address | City | State | Zip |
| Telephone | | | |

Previous School(s)

| | | |
|------|------------|-----------------|
| Name | City/State | Grades Attended |
| Name | City/State | Grades Attended |

Has the applicant ever been dismissed, suspended, withdrawn or subject to disciplinary action from any school? If yes, please provide details.

SIBLINGS

| | | | |
|------|------------|--------|-------|
| Name | Birth date | School | Grade |
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ALUMNI

 List any relatives or friends who have attended Gateway School:

| | | |
|------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Name | Year Graduated | Relationship to Applicant |
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GRANDPARENTS

 Please tell us who to inform about "Grandparents Day"

| | | | |
|------|--------------|---------|-------|
| Name | Relationship | Address | Email |
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

 How did you hear about Gateway School?

How did you hear about Gateway School? (please check all that apply)

Personal Referral: Whom may we thank? _____
General word of mouth___ Attended Camp Gateway___ Alumni___ Print Ad ___ KAZU-Radio___ SCParent.com___
Web search: _____ Social Media: _____
Saw us at an event: _____ Other: _____

Gateway School's admissions and financial aid policies do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual preference, ethnic origin, disability, martial status, religion, creed or similar factors. This policy applies to all areas of student concerns: admissions, athletics, educational policies, financial aid, and other school administered programs.

I have read and understood the above application in its entirety.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Applicant's Name: _____ Applying for Grade: _____

- I have attended a tour/open house on _____ (month/day/year).
- I have not attended a tour/open house. Please contact me to set up an appointment.

This information is considered to be **confidential** by the Admissions Director. Please feel free to use additional paper if necessary.

1. Why are you interested in having your child attend Gateway School?
(active learning, small class size, nurturing environment, location, etc.)

2. Please describe your child and include his/her strengths and challenges.

3. What are your child's social skills and challenges?

4. What are your child's favorite and least favorite school subjects?

5. How did you first hear about Gateway School and who encouraged you to apply?

6. Does your child learn better with highly structured assignments or does your child do better when assignments are open-ended?

7. Please describe any special circumstances that have affected your child's performance in school. (For example, particular learning difficulties, illness or physical issues, or frequent changes of homes or schools.) This information helps us to get to know your child better.

8. We encourage parents to volunteer at Gateway. Please list any special interests or talents that you may have.

9. Please describe your (and if applicable, your spouse/partner's) educational history and/or commitment to life-long learning.

Thank you for your interest

Child's Name _____
 Last First Middle

For each item in the tables below, please check the most developmentally age-appropriate description of this child:

Social & Physical Development

Not Evident Needs Improvement Emerging Age Appropriate Advanced

| | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Separation from parents/guardians/caregivers | | | | | |
| Interaction with parents/guardians | | | | | |
| Ability to share and work cooperatively | | | | | |
| Ability to wait turn | | | | | |
| Cooperative attitude | | | | | |
| Empathy toward others | | | | | |
| Responds positively to redirection | | | | | |
| Ability to resolve problems verbally | | | | | |
| Ability to resolve conflict without physical engagement | | | | | |
| Accepts responsibility for actions | | | | | |
| Demonstrates self-control | | | | | |
| Integrity/trustworthiness | | | | | |
| Interaction with peers in classroom | | | | | |
| Interaction with teachers | | | | | |
| Participates in physical group activities | | | | | |
| Ability to engage in positive interactions on the playground | | | | | |
| Body and space awareness | | | | | |
| Gross motor coordination: balance, gait, fluidity | | | | | |

Usually chooses: Large group Small group Alone

Comments:

Family Information

Did Not Observe Rarely Sometimes Usually Consistently

| | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Has realistic expectations of child | | | | | |
| Follows through with school recommendations | | | | | |
| Participates in school activities | | | | | |
| Cooperates with classroom teachers | | | | | |
| Cooperates with school administration | | | | | |
| Is punctual with drop-off & pick-up procedures | | | | | |
| Respectful of teachers' time | | | | | |

Comments:

What are this child's strengths?

What are this child's challenges?

Describe this child's approach to learning (hands on, visual, kinetic, auditory, logical) and/or what kind of classroom environment would be a good match for this child.

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION:

- Recommended Recommended with reservations (please explain below) Prefer not to make a recommendation (please explain below)

Check here if any information pertaining to this child/family would be better communicated by phone. Please feel free to add further narrative on additional page(s) if desired.

Form completed by (print name) _____ Position _____ Date _____

Your signature _____ Email _____ Phone _____

School name _____ Director/Principal's email _____

Director/Principal's name _____ Director/Principal's phone _____



2019-2020 TUITION

What Tuition Covers

Tuition covers all aspects of our academic and specialist program, as well as before school/early drop-off, starting at 7:30am. Tuition also covers all books and classroom materials, field trip transportation (if we don't use parent volunteers), student publications, Discovery Center equipment and devices, science lab and art studio supplies.

Tuition does not include the cost of optional items such as lunch, tutoring, after-school care and enrichment classes. There is an additional fee for the 8th grade capstone travel experience in Washington D.C.

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Families can apply through the FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition) program.

Instructions and an online application are available on the school website.

Tuition determinations are independent from admissions decisions.

Tuition determination range

| | Minimum | Maximum |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Grades K-4: | \$9,400 | \$23,500.00 |
| Grades 5-8: | \$10,000 | \$24,900.00 |

Payment Plans

There are several tuition payment plans available, some of which may carry a discount.

- Annual Payment Plan:** Full payment by May 30th = 2% discount
(if student is fully enrolled by the enrollment deadline)
- Semi-Annual Payment Plan:** Two installments, May 30th and November 30th = 1% discount
(if student is fully enrolled by the enrollment deadline)
- Monthly Payment Plan:** Monthly in ten installments, June through April

Additional Fees

- Smart Tuition Management:** \$50 per family, mandatory fee charged by Smart Tuition Management program
- Tuition Insurance:** \$375 per student, mandatory for Semi-Annual and Monthly Plans charged by insurance carrier

2020-2021 tuition ranges will be updated in February 2020.

If you have any questions please contact the Admissions Office at 423-0341.