



SAN DIEGO FRENCH ★ AMERICAN SCHOOL

Application for Admission

2015-2016

San Diego French-American School provides a rigorous dual-language immersion curriculum and unique multicultural experience that forges open-minded citizens.



APPLICATION CHECK LIST

Complete and submit all the following documents of the application package for admission to San Diego French-American School:

- Application Form and a non-refundable payment of \$150 payable to SDFAS
- Student Application Form (for first grade and up)
- Teacher Recommendation Form (if applicable)
- Academic records, including grades and test scores for the past two years, **1st grade and up;**
- Progress reports from the current academic year for children enrolled in **preschool or kindergarten;**
- Non-refundable \$100 evaluation fee, if applicable
- Copy of birth certificate (US citizens) or valid passport (non-US citizens)
- Legal custody document, if applicable.

ADMISSIONS CALENDAR

All applicants from PK0 to 8th grade will follow the application process.

❖ **Starting November 3, 2014:** Applications accepted for all grade levels. Priority will be given to applications submitted on or before **February 13, 2015**.

❖ **February 16, 2015 and after:**

Applications may be submitted, however applicants may be subject to placement on the “wait pool” for those classes that have reached capacity.

❖ **January and February, 2015:**

Student observations, by appointment:

For children entering PK1, PK2, or Kindergarten, applicants will be contacted by the pre-elementary school administrator, Babeth Esterly, besterly@sdfrenchscool.org.

For applicants entering 1st grade and up, contact the Admissions Officer, Virginia Berracasa: admissions@sdfrenchscool.org. Families with children entering PK0 need to meet with the Pre-Elementary admissions team prior to acceptance.

❖ **March 3, 2015:**

Admissions decisions sent to new applicants.

❖ **March 4, 2015:**

Begin enrollment of new applicants who have been accepted based upon the Admissions Committee’s decisions.

❖ **March 20, 2015:**

Deadline for new accepted applicants to register. Enrollment Agreement must be completed and submitted with deposit for the student to be enrolled in the 2015-16 school year.

❖ **Ongoing, rolling admissions:**

Qualified new students may continue to apply. In classes where space is still available, qualified candidates will be invited to register.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- 1) Applications are reviewed by the Admissions Team
- 2) Current students and siblings have priority to register.
- 3) Admissions decisions letters are sent to applicants.
- 4) Accepted applicants enroll, return contract and deposit.
- 5) Enrollment is complete and a student may begin school when payments are up to date and all applicable paperwork has been signed, completed and returned to the office.



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Application and Registration Procedures 2015-2016

Admissions Requirements

San Diego French-American School (SDFAS) values students and families from diverse backgrounds who will benefit from a challenging bilingual academic curriculum and international environment. SDFAS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, financial aid programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Qualified applicants are admitted at all grade levels. After the Admissions Committee's evaluation, enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to siblings of students already enrolled at SDFAS. **There is no deadline for applications, however priority is given to those applying between November 2014 and February 13, 2015.** Please contact the Admissions Office prior to applying. Applications will be accepted starting November 3, 2014. Admissions decisions will be sent March 3, 2015.

Age requirements: For the PK0 class, children must be two years of age on or before the first day of school in September, 2015. Children who reach two years of age between the first day of school and mid-December may be admitted on or after their birthday, space permitting. **For the PK1, PK2 and Grande Section/Kindergarten classes, children must be three, four and five years of age, respectively, by December 31, 2015.**

Tours and Visits

Interested families need to make an appointment with the Admissions Officer (K-8) or the Pre-Elementary School Administrative Director (PK0, PK1 & PK2) to visit the campus or they may attend Open House. *Tours are by appointment only.*

Admissions Evaluation

Admission is open to children ages two to 13 years of age. No prior knowledge of the French language is necessary for admission in Pre-K through 1st grade. Applicants for 2nd grade and up who have not been educated at a French-government-accredited school may be considered. SDFAS administers its own academic aptitude evaluations.

All students not originating from a school accredited by the French Ministry of Education must be evaluated and interviewed prior to admission. Children who don't speak either English or French may be denied admission to first grade and up.

Evaluations for pre-elementary and elementary students will be administered by SDFAS faculty or administrators.

Children who will be entering PK1, PK2, and Kindergarten (ages 3 – 5 years) will need to be observed in February. Parents of children entering PK0 will need to meet with the Pre-k admissions team. Students entering 1st grade and up, who are not originating from a French-government-accredited school, will need to make an appointment for an evaluation, an interview, and a class session. Please call the admissions office for an appointment and plan on one to one-and-a-half hours for this session.

SDFAS does not require standardized tests for admission. However, parents are expected to submit standardized testing results, as well as current grades and academic records.

SDFAS is currently not equipped to accept students with special needs, except for standard ADA requirements. Because a bilingual education is challenging, students need to possess good skills in organization, and be able to focus and work well in both languages. SDFAS may not be able to accommodate children with learning disabilities or who require specialized education.

Financial Aid

Information on Financial Aid is available in the “Tuition and Fees” document. To request a Financial Aid application, contact the Admissions Office: admissions@sdfrenchschool.org.

San Diego French-American School follows the NAIS (National Association of Independent Schools) Principals of Good Practice for Admission to Independent Schools.

SDFAS admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. SDFAS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Application for Admission 2015-2016

Student and Parent Information

Note: This application is for all first-time applicants. Applicants not originating from a French-government-accredited school, will be evaluated prior to acceptance.

Today's Date: _____

Applicant's Information

Child's Last Name: _____

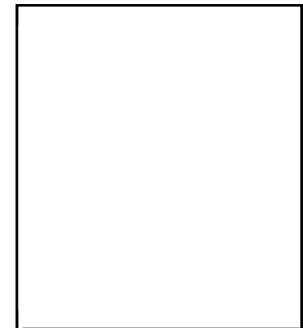
First Name: _____

Applicant's Preferred Name _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Sex: M F

Place of Birth (city/state/country) _____

Applicant is a citizen of: U.S. ___ France ___ Mexico ___ Other ___
(specify) _____
(check all that apply)



Attach picture of the family
(child and parents or
guardian)

Previous School: _____

Address, city, state, country, phone: (please complete in full)

Grade Applying For: PK0 (age 2) PK1 (age 3) PK2 (age 4) Kindergarten (age 5)

1st - 8th _____ (specify)

Last grade completed during the current school year: _____

1st – 8th grade applicants, please indicate language level:

English: ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Fluent **French:** ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Fluent

PK0 Options: 3 days: M,W,F 2 days: T, Th 5 mornings full time _____

PK1 Options: 5 mornings full time

All other classes are full time only. Children entering PK1 (age 3) must be toilet trained. Age requirements: see page 4.

Parents Information

If parents do not live in the same household, with whom does the child reside? _____

Parent/ Guardian #1 – Title: Mr. __ Mrs. __ Ms. __ Dr. __

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____ Mobile # _____

Email Address _____

Occupation _____

Nationality _____ Language(s) Spoken _____

Language spoken with child: _____

Parent/ Guardian #2 – Title: Mr. __ Mrs. __ Ms. __ Dr. __

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____ Mobile # _____

Email Address _____

Occupation _____

Nationality _____ Language(s) Spoken _____

Language spoken with child: _____

SDFAS PARENT APPLICATION 2014-15

In order for us to know your child better, we would like your perspective on his/her experiences. Your candid responses below will be helpful in the admission process. Thank you in advance for your time and input.

1. For K-8 applicants only: Have you noticed irregularities in speech (stuttering, stammering, word order, lisp, unable to pronounce particular letters, etc.)?

2. Is there anything we should know about your child's medical or personal history?

3. If the child has a sister or brother will the sibling(s) also apply at this time? _____
or apply later? _____

4. What language is spoken in the home? If other than English, how much experience does your child have in using English? List other languages spoken by the child.

**My signature below indicates that all information on this form is complete and factually presented.*

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Note: In order to consider the applicant for SDFAS, the application must be filled out completely and returned with the documents listed on page 2:

Please charge my credit card:

\$150 application fee \$100 evaluation/observation fee

Credit Card Number:

Visa/MC/AmcnExpress: _____ Exp. _____

I give SDFAS permission to obtain my child's student records from his/her previous school. SDFAS may also contact my child's current school to speak with my child's teachers.

Signature _____

Print Parent Name _____

Date _____

Return application package to:

Admissions Officer

San Diego French-American School

6550 Soledad Mountain Road, La Jolla, CA 92037

tel: 858-456-2807 fax: 858-459-2670

email: admissions@sdfrenhschool.org www.sdfrenhschool.org

SDFAS prefers applications to be sent by email.