

To Students and Families Applying to Washington-Area Independent Schools for Admission in 2021-2022

To promote a fair and transparent admission process, the member schools of the Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington (“AISGW”) have established the following guidelines for working with families and students applying to their schools. All AISGW schools and applicant families are expected to abide by these guidelines.

Schools should make clear to applicants all dates pertaining to admission and re-enrollment. AISGW recommends the following timeline:

- **Notification Date** - Notification of admission decisions shall be *the first Friday in March (March 5, 2021)*. Electronic notification, which includes email, telephone, on-line portal or any other form of instant notification, shall not occur before 4 pm. Letters may be placed in the U.S. mail so as to be received on the first Friday in March.
- **Registration/Reply Date** - Enrollment contracts for newly admitted students are due back to the school *no earlier than the third Friday in March (March 19, 2021)*, or two weeks from the date of notification.
- **Tuition Binding Date** - Enrollment contracts for newly admitted and re-enrolling students are *binding as of 4:00 pm on June 1*. This means that schools may not release the tuition obligation of a family that has already enrolled unless the family notifies the school of its decision to enroll elsewhere by 4:00 pm on June 1. If June 1 falls on a weekend, the binding date shall be 4:00 pm on the immediately preceding Friday.

Upon receipt of an application, member schools of AISGW presume that if an applicant is currently enrolled at another independent school, the applicant’s family already has notified that school of an intention to apply elsewhere in the independent school community.

An AISGW member school will not accept a student from another AISGW school without receipt of appropriate records directly from the student’s present school. Families are required to request the relevant records (i.e. transcripts) from their current school as part of the application process.

Families should inform all independent schools to which they have applied if and when they no longer seek admission to the schools for the coming academic year.

Families should not submit an enrollment deposit at more than one school.

With respect to financial aid, families should note the following:

- A family’s aid shall be provisional until all requested documentation is submitted
- Schools and families shall not engage in discussions regarding other schools’ awards for purpose of bargaining for students to the extent such discussions could lead to awards that exceed demonstrated need
- With respect to merit-based aid, such awards and the criteria for receiving them shall be published by the school in its admission materials and/or on its website

AISGW Member Schools

The Academy of the Holy Cross	Episcopal High School	Landon School	The Primary Day School
Aidan Montessori School	Evergreen School	The Langley School	The River School
Alef Bet Montessori	The Field School	Little Folks School	St. Albans School
Barrie School	Flint Hill School	Loudoun Country Day School	St. Andrew’s Episcopal School
Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School	Foxcroft School	Lowell School	St. Anselm’s Abbey School
Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys	Friends Community School	The Madeira School	St. Columba’s Nursery School
Bishop McNamara High School	Georgetown Day School	Maret School	St. John’s College High School
Browne Academy	Georgetown Preparatory School	Mater Dei School	St. Patrick’s Episcopal Day School
Bullis School	Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School	McLean School	St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School
Burgundy Farm Country Day School	German International School Washington D.C.	Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation’s Capital	Sheridan School
Butler Montessori	Gonzaga College High School	National Cathedral School	Sidwell Friends School
Capitol Hill Day School	Grace Episcopal Day School	National Child Research Center	Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School	Grace Episcopal School	National Presbyterian School	Washington Episcopal School
Commonwealth Academy	Green Acres School	The Nora School	Washington International School
Concord Hill School	Green Hedges School	Norwood School	Washington Jesuit Academy
Congressional School	The Harbor School	Oakwood School	Washington School for Girls
Connelly School of the Holy Child	The Heights School	Parkmont School	Washington Waldorf School
The Diener School	The Hill School	The Potomac School	Westminster School
Edmund Burke School	Holton-Arms School		The Woods Academy
	The Lab School of Washington		