



SANTA BARBARA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Santa Barbara Middle School Tuition Assistance Applicants,

We are pleased to have you apply to Santa Barbara Middle School for Fall 2026/2027 and hope to make the Tuition Assistance Process as smooth as possible for you.

We are working with [Clarity Tuition Assistance](#) for the second year and if you are a returning applicant, some of your information will be carried forward and save you time. Please review your information. You also do not need to fill out a separate application for each student if you are applying for more than one student to attend Santa Barbara Middle School.

If you are applying to other schools that use Clarity, you can include their school ID on the application or you can use our school ID on their application.

The school ID for Santa Barbara Middle School is 4214.

This year, you have two options for having your tax information retrieved from the IRS. The Tax Verification Guide below explains those to you. Currently, if you use the [IRS.gov](#) option, it takes approximately 24 hours for your tax records to be received. The Clarity Option normally takes three to five business days; however, it is currently taking up to ten business days due to the government shutdown. We do need your tax information to process your application. Please start the process of having your tax records pulled even before you finish your application.

I have included the links I think you will find especially helpful. They are also on our website on the Tuition Assistance page found on [SBMS.org](#) and in The Hub on the Resource Board for returning students.

[Application](#)

[SBMS Tuition Assistance FAQ](#)

[How to Apply, Quick Reference Guide English](#)

[Family Application Guide 2026/2027](#)

[How to Apply, Quick Reference Spanish](#)

[Family App Guide 2026/2027 Spanish](#)

[Tax Verification Guide](#)

[Tax Verification FAQ](#)

[Tax Verification Guide Spanish](#)

[Tax Verification FAQ Spanish](#)

Returning Students Due Date: Fri., Jan 9

New Students Due Date: Mon., Feb. 2



SANTA BARBARA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tuition Assistance Family Information Night Webinar Dates

All parents are invited to attend any of the family information sessions to learn more about how to fill out the Clarity application for Financial Aid. The Registration links are included; click the date to register.

[October 21, 7 pm Pacific Time](#)

[October 22, 6 pm Eastern Time](#)

[December 9, 8:30 pm Eastern Time](#)

2025 Past FA Family Info Night Webinar Recordings

[September 23](#) Passcode: 9%8=m6pH

[September 24](#) Passcode: B+i?81+F

Family Support Contact Information

All available in English and Spanish. The application itself is also fully translated into Spanish using the drop-down in the lower left corner.

1. In-app support through the "Help" button in the lower left corner
2. Email support at ****support@clarityapp.com****
3. Phone support at 206-210-3752

Family Support Hours

Standard (April through September)

- Monday to Friday, 8 am to 8 pm ET

Extended Peak (October through March)

- Email and Chat Support
 - Monday to Friday, 8 am to 11 pm ET
 - Saturday and Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm ET
- Phone Support
 - Monday to Friday, 8 am to 8 pm ET
 - Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm ET

You may also contact me with any questions. I am happy to assist you.

Best,

Bridget Fredericks

Assistant to Head of School / Tuition Assistance / Registrar