

Dear Gateway Middle 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

We are excited to support you in the transition to high school. It is our hope, of course, that you will choose to remain with us next fall and attend Gateway High School. That said, we want to also ensure that you are aware of your options for high school and feel prepared for the high school enrollment process overall. We prepared the attached information sheet to provide you with enrollment information about Gateway High as well as other San Francisco high schools, so that that you and your family have enough information to make the high school application process as smooth and stress-free as possible.

Best,

Aaron Watson  
Principal

Andrea Tacdol  
Director of Enrollment

Ken Angelo  
Counselor

## HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

### 5 Factors To Consider When Choosing A High School

#### 1) School Size

*Do you want a small school where you are well known, but might have fewer extracurricular options? Or do you want a large school that has a lot of electives and sports teams, but you might not be as well known?*

#### 2) Academic Program

*What type of academic programs and course offerings are there at this particular school? Things to consider are whether the school has academies, college prep courses, arts, languages and other electives, etc.*

#### 3) Extracurricular Options and Sports

*What type of sports and extracurricular are there at this particular school?*

#### 4) School Community and Values

*What does the school community feel like? Is it somewhere that you feel that you can belong for the next four years?*

#### 5) College Preparatory Program

*How does the school prepare students for going to college? Consider course selection as well as support with college applications, etc.*

### **Important Dates To Know:**

#### **September 24, 2016 - Parochial and Public School Student Fair**

*1:00-3:30 PM*, Location: Lick Wilmerding High School, 755 Ocean Street  
RSVP at <http://www.lwhs.org/page/Admissions/SF-High-School-Fair-2016>

#### **October 29, 2016- SFUSD School Fair**

*9:30-2:30 PM*. Location: City College of SF, Wellness Center  
1800 Ocean Avenue, SF 94112

#### **January 13, 2017 - Application Deadline For Gateway and SFUSD**

### **Gateway High School**

#### ➤ **Application Deadline:**

- Application is now available online at [www.gatewayhigh.org](http://www.gatewayhigh.org). Paper applications are also available in the GHS or GMS offices.
- Regular Application Deadline: January 13, 2017

#### ➤ **Opportunities for you and your child to get to know Gateway High School better:**

- **GMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Shadow Visits to GHS**— All 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have the opportunity to “shadow” a Gateway High School student for half a day. These shadow visits have already been scheduled for all GMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- **GHS Daytime School Tours:** Your families can schedule a tour during the school day at Gateway High School. During this tour, you will meet with both Principal Michael Fuller and Director of Enrollment Andrea Tacdol. Please go to the Gateway High School website to schedule a tour: [www.gatewayhigh.org](http://www.gatewayhigh.org).

### **SFUSD High Schools – General Application**

#### ➤ **Enrollment Deadline: January 13, 2017**

#### ➤ **Application Requirements**

- Completed application form. These are mailed to SF residents or can be downloaded at [www.sfusd.edu](http://www.sfusd.edu)
- Parent/Guardian identification
- Proof of child's birth date
- Two forms that prove San Francisco residency



## **SFUSD High Schools – Lowell and SOTA Separate Application**

**NOTE: There is a separate application process for Lowell and SOTA:**

### **Lowell**

Application Deadline: TBD by SFUSD office. You will need to fill out both the standard SFUSD application as well as a separate Lowell application. Students can pick up the Lowell applications from Mr. Angelo.

Lowell 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Night – Lowell will host an Open House in the fall, date TBD. Please contact Mr. Angelo for tickets to the event. Lowell will give two tickets per student and tickets are needed for entrance.

Entrance Exam – Students applying to Lowell will need to take an entrance exam as part of the application process. The exams are typically proctored in early January. This year's dates are, as consistent for Lowell, TBD.

### **SOTA**

Application Deadline: December 7<sup>th</sup> for the first round of auditions on January 7, 2017.

A separate SOTA application will be available on the SOTA website on 10/17:  
<http://www.sfsota.org>

SOTA applications are restricted to students living in the City of San Francisco.

## **San Francisco Charter High Schools**

### **➤ Enrollment Timeline**

- Application deadlines vary depending on school. Please see list on the back.

### **➤ Application Requirements**

- Application requirements vary depending on school. Some schools like Leadership require letters of recommendation and other schools do not.

### **Additional Resources**

- Parents for Public Schools: [www.ppsf.org](http://www.ppsf.org)
- San Francisco Unified School District Website: [www.sfusd.edu](http://www.sfusd.edu)
- Great Schools: [www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org)



## Private High Schools

- **Application Deadline-** *Deadlines vary from November –January*
- **Application Requirements**
  - Application and Application Fee
  - Admission test at school sites
  - Submission of standardized testing and grades
  - Interviews (requirement for some schools)
  - Letters of recommendation (English, Math and Principal or Counselor). If you need a recommendation, please remember to submit the request to Mr. Angelo, School Counselor, **one month before the due date. Requests for recommendations delivered after Winter Break will not be guaranteed.**
- **Parochial and Public School Student Fair (All public schools 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to this fair)**
  - **RSVP Necessary:** <http://www.lwhs.org/page/Admissions/SF-High-School-Fair-2016>
  - *Saturday, September 24, 2016, 1-3:30pm*
  - Location: Lick Wilmerding High School, 755 Ocean Street