



Admission Policy Information and Procedures

2008-2009

Admission Policy-

Girls' School Sacramento seeks to enroll girls who will benefit from its purposes and programs and will contribute to the GSS community. We seek girls who are highly motivated, energetic, and eager to learn.

GSS seeks to increase the diversity of our applicant pool to develop a student body that represents the ethnic, cultural, and economic diversity of Sacramento and the surrounding areas. In making admission decisions, GSS gives special priority to siblings of girls currently in the school, daughters of faculty and staff members, and under-represented groups within the school population. The school evaluates all applicants to learn about their competencies and their ability and readiness to work at GSS. However, GSS does not EXCLUDE lower performing students based solely on previous grades or test scores.

Furthermore, requests for financial aid have no influence on the consideration of an application to the school.

Screening and Evaluation of Kindergarten Students-

Applicants for kindergarten must be five years old by December 2, 2008. After reviewing the application packet, GSS' Director of Curriculum and Instruction may perform a screening to help determine kindergarten readiness. This is an informal evaluation- not a standardized test. In addition, parents of kindergarten applicants may be asked to fill out a supplemental questionnaire.

2008-2009 Tuition-

Kindergarten through 5 th grade:	\$6800
6 th through 8 th grade:	\$6950

Schedule of Fees

Deposit (applied to tuition)	\$500
Before School Care (unlimited)	\$300
After School Care (unlimited)	\$700
Before & After Package (unlimited)	\$950
Hourly Use (as needed)	\$2.25 per hour

Tuition Payment Schedule

Single Payment Plan	due by August 15
Double Payment Plan	50% due on August 15
	50% due on January 15
Monthly Plan	10% on the 15th of each month August through May

Tuition fees only partially cover the cost of providing our academic program. The school has a fundraising program to generate additional income for the operating budget. Parents are required to participate in one fundraiser per year- or pay the “opt out” fee. Payment plans for tuition are available.

Tuition assistance is available. GSS supports its commitment to economic diversity through its financial assistance program. Please contact the GSS office for further information.

Memberships-

GSS is currently a Friend of Core Knowledge, and we intend to become an official Core Knowledge school by the end of the 2009-2010 school year. At that time, it is our plan to begin the WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation process.

Facilities-

GSS is designed and envisioned as an urban school located in close proximity to downtown Sacramento. This location makes for a learning environment that is exciting and current. GSS currently leases space and, at the end of a capital campaign, plans to purchase a permanent facility.

Class Size-

GSS enforces a policy whereby no class shall have more than 24 girls. During its first few years in operation, combination classes will be used to ensure classes are large enough for good peer interaction. If you have questions about combination classes, please contact the Head of School or Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

School Hours-

All classes begin at 8AM.

Kindergarten through 2nd are dismissed at 3PM.

3rd through 5th are dismissed at 3:30PM

6th through 8th are dismissed at 4PM.

Extended Day Care-

Extended care is available for all students from 7:00AM until 6:00PM each school day. After school, we provide a healthy snack for day care participants followed by a time for homework (with help available) and a wide variety of supervised activities.

