

Frequently Asked Questions for Admissions

How do I apply to Pinewood?

The first step in applying to Pinewood is to arrange a personalized tour or phone conference to discuss our programs and curriculum in depth. This is a very important part of the process as we are not only looking for mission-appropriate students, we are seeking parent partners for their child's education.

What is the minimum age to attend preschool?

Three (PK3) or four (PK4) years old by July 1.

Does my child need to take any specific testing to gain admissions?

The admission staff may conduct additional testing if the records do not provide sufficient information, or if we need to re-assess a prospective student's readiness.

Preschool and kindergarten eligibility is based on skill assessment that the admission staff conducts, and by the teacher during his/her shadow day. It should be noted that records or a phone interview with a previous preschool are also a part of the process at this grade level.

Do you require letters of recommendation?

Yes. We require teacher recommendations from the student's previous/current Math and English teacher(s). The completed forms are confidential; and the teacher(s) will be directed to email completed recommendation forms directly to the Admissions Office.

Pinewood will provide the Teacher Recommendation Form.

NOTE: If one teacher covers both subjects, please submit the form to an additional core subject teacher.

What is the application fee?

\$75.00. This fee is waived for alumni and active military families.

When is the application deadline?

The Re-Enrollment and Early Decision deadline is March 1 of every year. After that, we make admission decisions on a rolling basis.

Do you meet everyone who applies?

Yes. We prefer to meet with the parents first; then each of our prospective students through his/her shadow day or via Skype.

Do you offer tours or Open Houses or Shadow Days?

Yes. Please **CLICK HERE** to see our calendar of admission events.

Can parents have a tour before submitting an application?

Yes. We strongly recommend a tour or at least a phone conference prior to submitting an application.

What materials complete an application?

The tour, <u>online application</u>, prior school records (including testing, discipline and attendance), shadow day, and possible testing results.

What is the tuition?

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to see tuition for students in grades K4-12. Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to see tuition for students in PK3. Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to see tuition for international students.

Do you offer Financial Aid?

Yes, for families that demonstrate a clear financial need. Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to learn more about our Financial Aid process.

Is there a bus service provided?

We do not provide bus transportation, but many of our families carpool.

Is there an after school program?

Yes. Pinewood has both after-school and before-school care for students in our Lower School; and for students in grades 6-9.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information.