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# Intro to High School Counseling

In the chat please type one thing you're looking forward to this Fall.

# Introductions

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- Bay Area native
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# Some Schools I Have Placed Students Into

**Archbishop Riordan HS**

**Eastside College Prep**

**Maybeck High School**

**Saint Ignatius**

**Athenian School**

**Gateway HS**

**Menlo School**

**San Domenico**

**Bay School**

**Head-Royce School**

**Midland School**

**Santa Catalina**

**Branson School**

**Immaculate Conception Academy**

**Mission High School**

**SF Waldorf HS**

**Cate School**

**International High School**

**The Nueva School**

**SF University HS**

**College Preparatory**

**KIPP College Prep**

**Orinda Academy**

**RL Stevenson HS**

**Crystal Springs Uplands**

**Leadership High School**

**Putney School**

**Thacher School**

**Drew School**

**Lowell High School**

**Sacred Heart Cathedral**

**The Marin School**

**Dunn School**

**Marin Academy**

**Sacred Schools SF**

**The Urban School**



**Introductions**

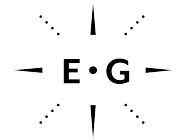
**Experience**

**Schools & Types**

**Process Overview**

**Getting Started**

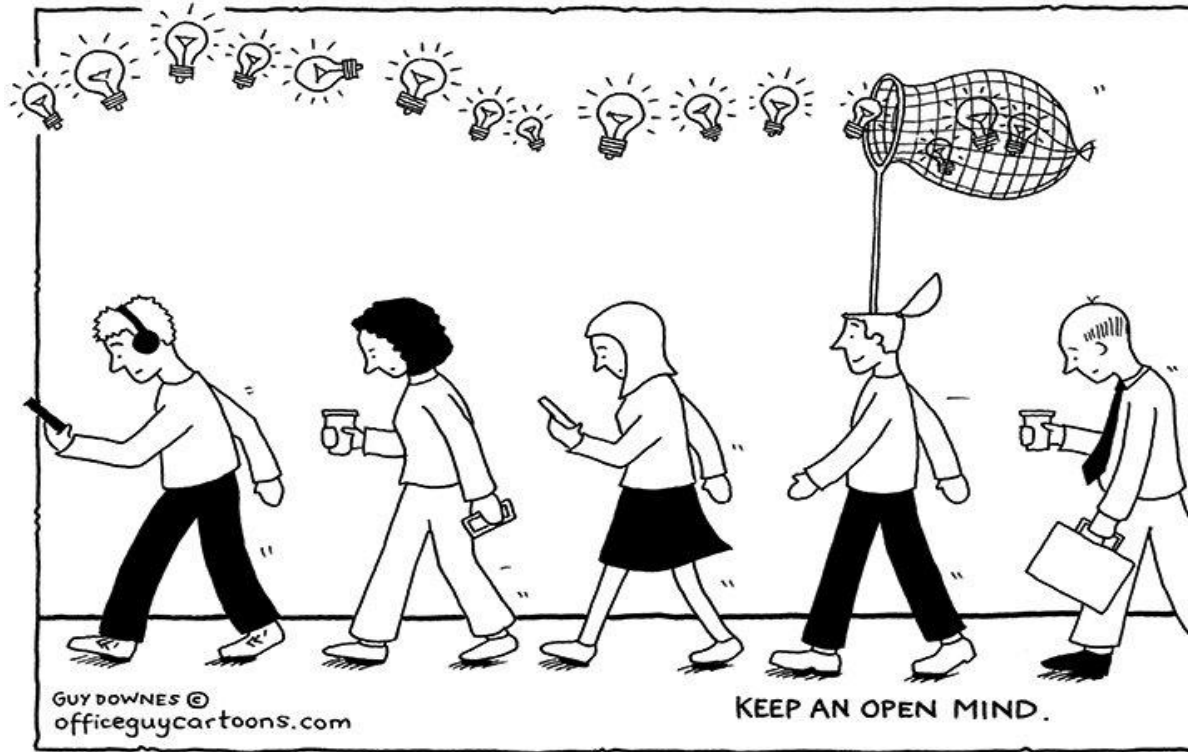
**Timeline**



# HS Counseling Goals

- Get to know yourself as learners
- Get to know yourself as young adults
- Understand more about your personality, likes and dislikes to help you be thoughtful when you begin your HS search
- Familiarize yourself with a range of high schools in and around San Francisco

# Placement Philosophy



# School Types



## Public Schools

- Local School District - Everyone needs to apply



## Charter Schools

- Free, Lottery System, Smaller than many public schools



## Parochial Schools

- Tuition based, Affiliated with Archdiocese, Independent from School District



## Independent Schools

- Day School - Tuition based, independent from school district
- Boarding Schools - 5 or 7 day boarding, Tuition based, independent from school district

# Creating a School List

SO Many Great Schools in SF/ Bay Area!

**List should include:**

- Public
- Charter
- Parochial
- Independent Schools
  - ALL Private Schools have money for scholarships!



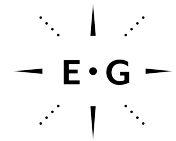


# Researching Schools

Facts vs. Opinions/Stereotypes

*Students AND Parents/Guardians should be researching*

- **General:** Class size, Co-ed?, Parochial, Location, Diversity
- **Academics:** Classes offered, Class style, Grading, Facilities, Schedule
- **Values/Feel:** Mission alignment, Sense of Community, JEDI
- **Co-curricular:** Sports, Theater, Arts, Newspaper, Clubs, Leadership Opportunities



# Getting to Know Schools

## Parochial Schools

- ON their individual school websites

## Independent Schools

- Mostly on Ravenna - some on individual websites



Open Houses

School Tours

Meet the Deans

DEI Events

Arts Nights

Sports Events

P/G Receptions

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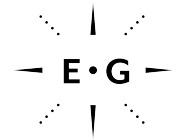
# SFUSD

## ONLINE Information Sessions

October 24-27: 5-7pm each night

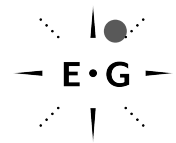
[sfusd.edu/tours](https://sfusd.edu/tours)

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# Visiting & Getting to Know Schools

- Introduce yourself - esp to admissions teams and ambassadors
- Bring a NOTEBOOK
- Ask questions! & Take notes.
  - Come prepared with a few!
- Participate in activities
- Answer questions with more than one word
- Be yourself!
- Share what you're excited/curious about



# Parent/Guardian AND Student Applications

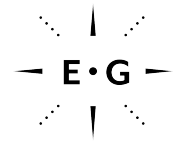
Be Honest

Answer all parts of the questions.

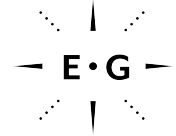
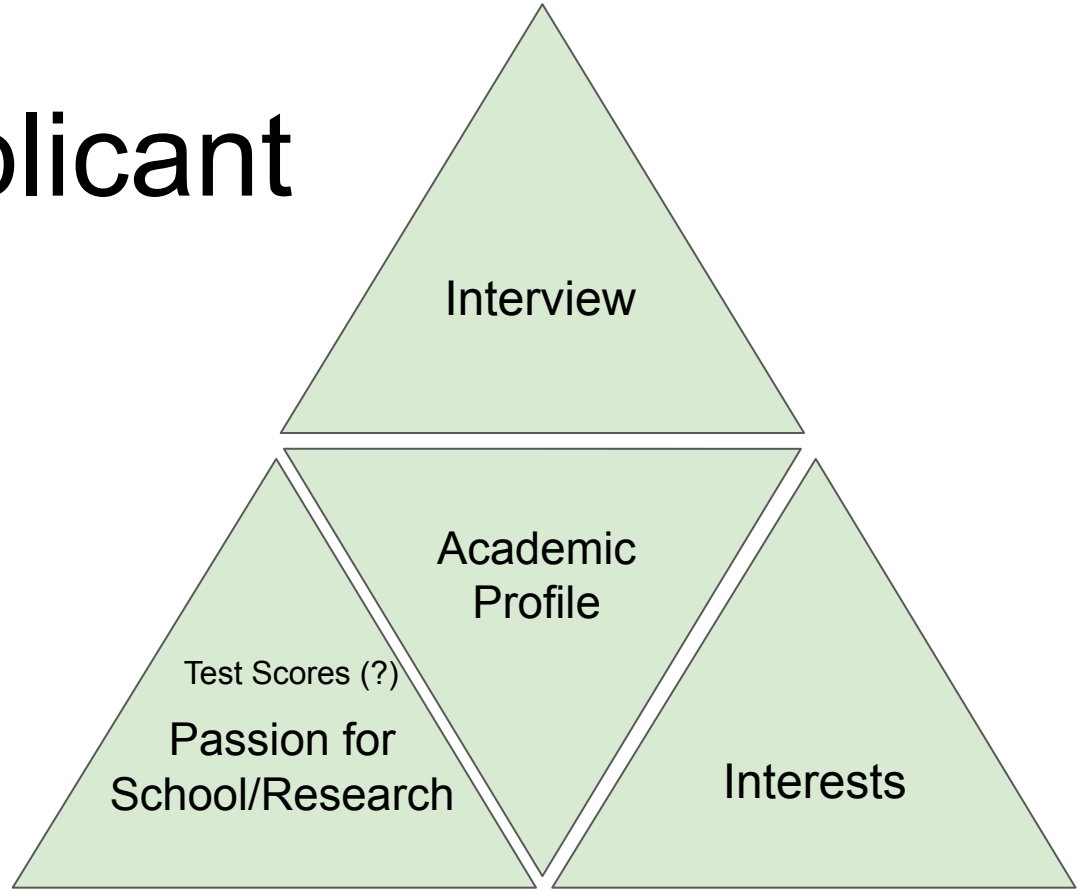
Note important deadlines.

Always submit a second or third draft

*Tip: Answer drafts on a separate sheet of paper then add to the actual application before submitting*



# Excellent Applicant Pyramid



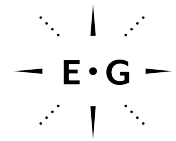
# Financial Aid Applications

**\*\*Check Deadlines!!\*\***

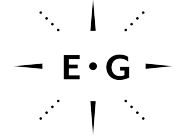
Taxes Early

Different Forms:

PFS by SSS, TADS, FAST



**This process provides an  
opportunity to see your student  
through a new lens.**

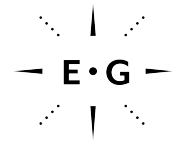




# The Process: Today to April 2023



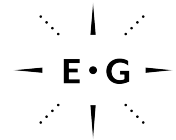
- Sept - Dec '22 : Visit Schools/ School Events
- October '22 - January '23 : Complete parent and student applications
- Nov - Dec '22 : Standardized testing (?) & Teacher Recommendations & Transcripts
- Nov - December ' 22: Financial Aid Applications Complete
- Dec-Jan '23 : Application Deadlines
- Feb - March '23 : Decisions communicated
- Early Spring '23 : Revisit days / Reply to School Decisions





*I'm here to get to know you  
and provide guidance through  
this process.*

- Schedule our First Call
- Email me with questions



**“Education must not simply teach  
work—it must teach Life.”**

— W. E. B. Dubois

