

BISHOP GARCIA DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY AND CRITERIA*

Bishop Garcia Diego High School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, disability, sex or national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to the students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, and makes minor adjustments to accommodate students with documented disabilities, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs. If you feel that your disabled child needs a minor adjustment to enable him/her to participate in the general education curriculum of the School, please talk to your child's counselor and/or the Head of School. Be prepared to submit medical documentation to verify both your child's disability and the nature and extent of the requested minor adjustment. (Pursuant to section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973.)

Admission to Bishop Garcia Diego High School is comprehensive; however, the Bishop Garcia Diego High School Admissions Committee primarily considers the following criteria when making admissions decisions:

Freshman Application*

- 7th and 8th grade report cards (including conduct)
- Standardized test scores from junior high and the High School Placement Test, SSAT or ISEE
- Student-reported activities and special talents

Transfer Application*

- High school grades and discipline/attendance history
- Standardized test scores from junior high and high school
- Administrator or Academic Advisor recommendations
- Student-reported activities and special talents
- Required Interview

* For detailed admission policy and criteria, refer to the **Parent-Student Handbook** on our website: www.bishopdiego.org/parents/handbook.php

CARDINAL STANDARDS

The graduate of Bishop Garcia Diego High School will be able to demonstrate:

Faith: use personal reflection to further experience your faith and respond to the challenge of realizing your God-given potential.

Expression: use oral, written, artistic, and technological forms of expression to convey ideas effectively and to cultivate positive personal and professional relationships.

Action: participate in recreational, artistic, political and/or cultural activities to enhance physical and emotional health and enjoyment throughout life.

Service: take responsibility for improving the quality of life for self and others through Christian service and by assuming productive roles as members of family, church, occupation, civic and global communities.

Thought: employ knowledge related to curriculum content to analyze and evaluate significant and complex problems.

Self-Reliance: develop self-reliance, independence and moral strength; establish and pursue positive personal and educational goals.

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FINANCES 2012/2013

As a Catholic school, we must ensure an excellent instructional program and a just living wage for our teachers who are integral members of our school family. Additionally, to achieve a fiscally sound budget, the tuition rate must finance at least 85% of the operating budget.

Tuition 2011/2012: \$13,950

Tuition 2012/2013: TBA

Tuition rate *includes* the registration fee and most all-school activities and programs, excluding textbooks. Tuition may be paid monthly, semi-annually or annually.

The \$1,000.00 registration fee is payable when the Enrollment Agreement (*contract*) is remitted to the school. The registration fee is payable and non-refundable by all families regardless of financial grant aid status.

Estimated Books/Supplies: \$300 - \$500. Cost depends on courses and whether books are new or used.

Financial Grant Aid

Bishop Garcia Diego High School strives to meet the needs of families at all income levels. At Bishop High, financial grant aid is awarded to students based on a family's need. No awards are given for athletic merit. The financial grant aid program enables students to attend or continue attending Bishop High when tuition might otherwise be a financial burden. It is the family's responsibility to contribute to their child's educational costs at the highest possible level given their economic situation. It is only through a completed FACTS application that the school can assess a family's qualification.

Qualifications: A student receiving financial grant aid must maintain a minimum of 2.5 G.P.A. with no "F" grade, no more than one "D" grade, and strive to model the school philosophy "To meet the life-long challenges of realizing their God-given potential." Since the family is expressing financial hardship, the family must refrain from exceptional expenditures and other expensive activities (travel abroad, etc.) that would invalidate the need for financial grant aid. All students are eligible to participate in school-sponsored sports, clubs and activities.

Bishop Garcia Diego High School uses FACTS Business Solutions for Education Grant and Aid Assessment to help process financial aid applications. *Refer to the application checklist for details.*

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST 2012-2013

Freshman Applicants

- Application form and nonrefundable \$50.00 fee*
- Applicant Questionnaire and Essay*
- All freshman applicants are required to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT). Reservations are necessary. Call the **Admissions Office at 805.967.1266 ext. 118** to schedule your student.
- STEM Application (if applicable)

Placement Exam Test Dates

January 28, 2012 or February 4, 2012

Time: 8:45 am to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Check in - BDHS Library

For alternate test dates, call 967-1266 ext. 118

Note: **For priority admission a completed admissions file must be submitted no later than the day prior to the placement exam. Attn: Director of Admission.*

- Provide your current school's registrar with a completed and signed Release of School Records form allowing adequate time for records to be received at BDHS by February 17, 2012
- Financial aid and Applicant Intent Form

Transfer Applicant

- Application form and nonrefundable \$50.00 fee
- Applicant Questionnaire and Essay
- Provide the current school's registrar with a completed and signed Release of School Records form a.s.a.p.
- Request a letter of recommendation from the applicant's academic advisor or school administrator addressing academic progress, discipline and attendance
- Financial Aid and Applicant Intent form
- Required Interview (to be scheduled with the Director of Admission)
- STEM Application (if applicable)