

York School Application Checklist & Deadlines

Accepting Applications for the 2012-13 School Year

Shadow Day : October - November & January - February

We encourage students to spend a full day on campus, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. These visits are often the best way to gauge whether York is a good match for a student's interests and personality. Students will be matched with a host who shares similar interests. Hosts will take prospective students to all of their classes, show them around campus, and introduce them to their friends and teachers.

Things to keep in mind on visit days:

*We don't wear uniforms so teen casual is the way to dress.

*You won't be tested during your visit, so relax.

Contact the Admission Office at 831.372.7338 x115 or 116 to schedule a visit.

Entrance Exam Saturdays : 10/15, 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 1/21 & 2/4 — 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Testing begins at 9:30 a.m. in room 26 of the Science Building. Seating is limited; call to make a reservation. There is no fee. Parents: Please join us for a Q & A session in room 20 at 11:30 a.m.

The entrance exam consists of four tests: two standardized tests, a 20-question math worksheet, and a writing sample.

The aptitude test contains four separately-timed sections (40 minutes total):

- synonym choices
- sequential numerical relationships (mathematics)
- visual analogies
- story recollection after about 30 minutes (short-term memory)

The ability (achievement) test contains two separately-timed sections (40 minutes total):

- verbal analogies
- mathematical relationships

The math worksheet includes fractions, decimals, percentages, ratios, word problems, and simple geometry. The writing sample offers three prompts; students should write about 250-300 words—a basic five-paragraph essay. The math and writing sections are not timed—students can take as long as they need to complete them and can write as much as they like to answer the prompt.

Application : 2/15/12

Application with \$75 fee is due by February 15. We encourage families to submit an application as soon as possible in order to receive special mailings and invitations.

Tip: Don't stress about the parent/guardian or student statements. The application is only one part of the admission process and is used to get to know the students before the interview—It is best to get the application in early as the interview does not take place until the application, recommendations, and transcript are received.

Recommendations : 2/15/12

The Admission Office must receive all three recommendations (Math, English, Principal or Counselor) no later than February 15. Be sure to give the teachers stamped envelopes addressed to York School with the recommendation forms.

Tip: It is best to do this before the winter holiday as it gives the teachers ample time to fill out the recommendations and increases the likelihood that all forms are received by the February 15 deadline.

Transcripts : 2/15/12

The Admission Office must receive a current, official transcript no later than February 15, reflecting marks through the first semester of the current year. Remember to give the signed transcript release form along with a stamped envelope to the student's current school Registrar.

Interview : January 10 - February 29

When an applicant's file is complete (application, recommendations, transcripts, and York entrance exam results), the Admission Office will call to set up a 15 minute conversation on campus for the applicant and two faculty members on the Admission Committee. It is important to us that we get to know your child and give him/her the opportunity to ask questions about York's programs and community.

Tip: Don't delay on getting your application and forms into the Admission Office—the earlier we have a completed file, the earlier the interview can be scheduled, and the more choice you have for selecting an interview time.



Admission Event Information

9/22/11 Admission 101 — 7-8:30 p.m. in the Library

Whether you are interested in York for next year or several years down the road, join us for an information session to learn more about the unique culture, mission, and student life at York from the people who know it best: current students, teachers, and parents. This event is designed for both students and parents.

10/20/11 Prospective Parents Coffee — 9-11:00 a.m.

Have coffee with the Head of School, meet faculty members, tour the campus, and have a chance to see the school in action. We'll focus on addressing questions from the parent perspective.

11/12/11 All About York — 2-5:00 p.m.

Structured program begins at 2:00 p.m. in the Commons. Detailed overview of everything at York: academic courses, athletics, arts, college counseling, admission, and financial aid. If you can only make one event this year, this is the one!

1-2:00 p.m. ~ Get a taste of what it's like to be part of the York Community. Join us prior to the start of All About York for an informal "IQ" session—**Ice cream and Questions**. Enjoy a treat and find out more about York from current students and parents who are eager to answer your questions. Bring the whole family—this is a great way to get an overall feel for what York has to offer.

1/8/12 Inside York — 1-3:00 p.m. in the Library

Want to know what it's really like to be a student at York? Join us for an informal discussion session that focuses on the student perspective, plus input from teachers and veteran parents. Panel discussion followed by tours of campus. Both parents and students are encouraged to attend.

We look forward to meeting you. No RSVPs are needed.

Find Us Around Town — Check the Admission page at york.org to find out when we will be in your area.

Financial Aid Workshops

11/17 & 1/11 — 7-8:30 p.m. in the Library

Meet with the Director of Admission and Financial Aid to find out all about financial aid application procedures and deadlines.

There are two parts to applying for Financial Aid—the Parent Financial Statement (PFS) form and copies of income taxes.

The PFS form is due January 31, 2012. **Tip:** It is fine to use estimated numbers on the PFS form, so there is no need to wait until the last minute. Copies of both 2010 and 2011 signed income taxes are due February 24, 2012 to the Admission Office.

Personal Tours

The Admission staff is happy to schedule an individual tour of campus anytime during the week. Please give us a call.

Admission Decision Notification by mail: March 10, 2012

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