

# Classen School of Advanced Studies 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Admission Information Packet 2019 - 2020 School Year

An International Experience in  
Academics and the Visual and Performing Arts

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This application is to be completed by interested students currently enrolled or residing within the OKCPS district. Students that live outside of the OKCPS district may complete this application but will be considered **only** if they meet all program requirements and seats are available for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2019**

Dear Student and Parent,

The faculty and administration are pleased that you are considering making application to Classen School of Advanced Studies, a school with a strong commitment to academic success. We believe that by becoming a learning community all participants in the learning process will be strengthened in order to reach their maximum potential.

Classen School of Advanced Studies is a rigorous school. The Visual and Performing Arts programs are strenuous and require a significant amount of time, preparation, and rehearsal. The International Baccalaureate Program is an intense academic program and requires much effort and time. Please understand that these programs may differ from previous school experiences for most students. Transitioning from elementary to middle school is a major life change for students everywhere, but even more intense for Classen students. However, when you are accepted to Classen School of Advanced Studies, you enter the Comet family. With proper communication between parent, student, and educator, we believe that all students can be successfully.

### **This We Believe**

Classen School of Advanced Studies seeks to admit bright and promising students from a broad range of socioeconomic, cultural and Oklahoma City community origins. We look for students who have the potential to develop academic competence, artistic talent, creativity and leadership. We employ a variety of measures to predict a student's preparedness to succeed at Classen. While academic successes gauged by test scores and grades are an important factor, subjective measures are utilized to measure a student's willingness to take on the challenges of the Classen experience.

Classen seeks to combine a diverse population of student interests that provide a rich variety of experiences and worldviews. Learning to live in a diverse world transcends classroom interaction and promotes a community of reflective, principled and caring learners. The student selected for admission to Classen is one that will enrich the learning environment, thus increasing the value of education for the entire student body.

Successful students at Classen shall make a commitment to the rigor of the requirements and will sacrifice some activities to fulfill that commitment. Due to the nature of the college preparatory curriculum, students, with parental support, will be expected to be prepared to complete accelerated work at each grade level. It will be the student's responsibility to participate in intervention plans to reinforce areas of deficiency.

### **Exit Policy**

Attending Classen School of Advanced Studies is a privilege. Students are admitted through the application process. Since Classen SAS does not have an attendance boundary, every student will be on a special intra-district transfer on a year-by-year basis. Transfers may be revoked at the end of the school year for low academic performance, poor attendance or failure to abide by school rules. Major infractions resulting in long-term suspensions will result in the revocation of a transfer. Students that are failing two or more subjects may not be allowed to return the following school year. **All students admitted must sign the Parent/Student contract included in this application.**

# Description of our Academic Programs

## **International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program**

An academic program recognized worldwide in which students pursue coursework in advanced/ honors courses in English, a world language, mathematics, science, social studies, and an approved elective area. Additional requirements include successful completion of a course of study in Theory of Knowledge, an extended essay of 4,000 words, and 150 hours of community service. Students in grades 7-8 will study honors core subjects and begin the formal training in an acquired language; students in grades 9-10 will study the Pre-IB curriculum; and students in grades 11-12 will participate in the IB Diploma Program. Students must sit a series of six examinations at the end of their senior year.

## **Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Program**

A nationally recognized program for artistically gifted students. Students must be motivated to complete coursework in selected fine arts major, as well as complete a college-preparatory curriculum, which includes the option of several Advanced Placement courses. A senior recital, performance, or exhibition is a culminating activity for a fine arts student at Classen. A student may major in band, dance, drama, guitar, piano, strings, visual art, or vocal music. Students admitted to this program must participate in rigorous after-school rehearsals and performances. (See following page for specific program requirements.)

## **5th Grade Admission Requirements**

The following criteria will be considered when selecting students for admission to Classen School of Advanced Studies:

1. 4th Grade Comprehensive Snapshot in Mathematics and English/Language Arts
2. 3rd Grade State Assessments in Mathematics and English/Language Arts
3. Excellent Student Attendance
4. Positive Teacher Recommendations
5. Academic Performance demonstrated on school report card (4th grade: 1st semester and 3rd quarter)
6. Gifted and Talented Status: Students will receive bonus points for meeting this requirement

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## Important 5th Grade Application Dates

Please examine all application materials carefully and note the following dates:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Application Window Open	March 5, 2019
Application Work Sessions* (at Classen SAS)	March 26, 27, 28 @ 5:30 PM -7:30 PM
Placement Testing ** (at Classen SAS)	March 30, 2019 @ 8:00 AM -10:00 AM (doors open at 7:30)
Application Due Date	April 1, 2019
Notification Letters Mailed	April 10, 2019

\*Parents are invited to attend an Application Work Session at Classen SAS to receive assistance.

\*\*Parent meeting will be held for 5th grade applicants during placement testing on March 30, 2019.