

# Classen School of Advanced Studies

## Application for Admission 2017 - 2018 School Year

An International Experience in  
Academics and the Visual and Performing Arts

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This application is to be completed by incoming sixth grade applicants who are currently enrolled or residing within the OKCPS district and current CSAS students who wish to change majors. Other applicants, grades 7-10, may complete this application but will be considered **only** on “specific program need” basis for the 2017-2018 school year and must be able to fulfill program requirements.

Dr. Ashley Davis, Principal

Gina Bonner, Assistant Principal, Visual and Performing Arts Program

Tim Simpson, Assistant Principal, International Baccalaureate Program

John Tsofigh, Assistant Principal Middle School

**DEADLINE — FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017**

January 3, 2017

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 maximum potential.

Classen School of Advanced Studies is a rigorous school. The Visual and Performing Arts Programs are strenuous requiring a significant amount of time, preparation, and rehearsal. The International Baccalaureate Program is an intense academic program requiring much effort and time. Please understand that these programs will 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.

When you are accepted to Classen School of Studies, you enter the Comet family. With proper communication between parent, student, and educator, all students can be successful!

### **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 who will have different life experiences and worldviews. Learning to live in a diverse world transcends classroom interaction, and our learning community will provide for dialogue among our student body. 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 make a commitment to the rigor of the requirements and often 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 an inner-district transfer on a year-by-year basis. Transfers may be revoked at the end of the school year for 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 will not be allowed to return the following school year.

**All students admitted must sign a student contract.**

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

- Monday, January 23, 2017 – Evening visitation for all Classen applicants\*
- Friday, January 27, 2017 – Completed application submitted to Classen
- Saturday, January 28, 2017 – Placement testing for 6<sup>th</sup> grade applicants from 8:15 - 11:30 A.M. at Classen. Parent Meeting will be held in the Auditorium at 8:30 AM.
- Friday, February 10, 2017 – Auditions for Visual and Performing Arts applicants (all applicants must audition)
- Friday, March 10, 2017 – Notification letters mailed  
Enrollment information for 2017-2018 school year will be included with acceptance letters.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!!!**

**Application Completion Checklist**

- All application pieces must be turned in at one time.
- Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- Faxed applications will not be accepted.
- Classen SAS staff members are unable to make copies for applicants.

**Please be sure to include the following with the application:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of report card (fourth grade year and first semester of fifth grade)  
(most recent report card if applying in grades other than sixth)

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of most recent standardized test scores (ITBS/CRT/EOI/WIDA, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation forms from two teachers in sealed envelopes  
(teachers must sign across the seal of the envelope)

\_\_\_\_\_ Proof of residence: current utility bill copy

- This is the home where the student **resides**. Rental property where you do not live or business addresses are not accepted. Please write your child's name on the COPY of the bill.

**\*Visitations** will begin at 4:00 PM. and 5:30 P.M. in the auditorium.

## **DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS**

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO BE PRESENT  
FOR ANY AUDITION and/or PLACEMENT TESTS**

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

An academic program recognized worldwide in which students pursue coursework in advanced/honors courses in English, a foreign 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 6-8 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.

#### **Admission requirements for the IB Diploma Program:**

- \* Above average grades and standardized test scores; please include any recent CRT and ITBS scores.
- \* Minimum 85% on reading/math placement tests
- \* Excellent school attendance
- \* Exemplary discipline
- \* Positive teacher recommendations

### **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.)

#### **Admission requirements for the Visual and Performing Arts Program**

- \* Above average grades and standardized test scores; please include any recent CRT and ITBS scores
- \* Minimum of 70% score on reading/math placement tests
- \* Commitment to pursue college preparatory curriculum
- \* Excellent school attendance
- \* Exemplary discipline
- \* Positive teacher recommendations, one from area in which student plans to study
- \* Audition in one of the following areas: band, dance, drama, guitar, piano, strings, visual art, or vocal music

**ALL SIXTH GRADE IB AND VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS APPLICANTS  
MUST SIT FOR THE MATH AND READING PLACEMENT TEST,**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017 FROM 8:15 – 11:30 A.M

## **Audition Schedule for all Visual and Performing Arts Applicants**

All auditions will take place Friday, February 10, 2017. Please read the description for the area of application and follow the expectations. All auditioning students will **report to the auditorium** for check in and then directed to the appropriate audition area.

The time will vary by major depending upon the number of applicants. Please provide an accurate phone number in the application. Once the application is processed, parents will be notified of an audition time range to be present.

### **Instrumental Music (Band) Applicants**

Students must play at least one major scale and have a piece prepared to play. (a copy of the music must be provided for the judges) A sight-reading test may be given.

### **Guitar Applicants**

All applicants should be prepared to play a selection that demonstrates technical ability (a copy of the music must be provided for the judges) and any scales known (applicant should be able to name each scale). A short sight reading and written test will be given.

### **Piano Applicants**

Applicants must have a piece prepared by memory and any scales known. A sight reading test and written theory test will be given. (a copy of the music must be provided for the judges)

### **Strings Applicants**

Students must play at least one major scale and have a piece prepared to play. A sight-reading test will be given. (a copy of the music must be provided for the judges)

### **Vocal Music Applicants**

Incoming sixth grade applicants must have an accompanied folk song and a Broadway selection. Applicants for high school will be asked to perform a selection from "The 24 Italian Songs and Arias" and a selection from a Broadway musical. Also, students may bring CD accompaniments. Accompanist will not be provided.

## **Dance Applicants**

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

The audition will be conducted much like a **dance class**. Participants should wear leotard and footless tights or leotard with tights and ballet slippers, or tight fitting, easy to move in shorts and T-shirt. Hair should be tied back and secured.

**\*NOTE:** A physical will be required to enroll if accepted to the Classen dance program.

## **Drama Applicants**

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Students need to dress comfortably. All applicants need to prepare one of the monologues from available attachment. Students will also participate in a cold reading exercise and will write a short essay. Students may also sing an A Cappella musical piece, but it is not required.

(Monologue attached at the back of the application)

## **Visual Art Applicants**

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

All Visual Art applicants must report to Classen School of Advanced Studies cafeteria for the drawing session. A thirty-minute pencil drawing session will be conducted (pencil and paper will be provided).

A portfolio must be submitted with a completed application by the application deadline. The portfolio must include a MAXIMUM of five works (no cartoons); one still life, one portrait, and one landscape in any medium. It also must include one piece that has color and one must be in black and white. If the student's main interest is PHOTOGRAPHY, the portfolio may also contain a MAXIMUM of ten photographs that may be commercially developed or printed on photo paper. Portfolios will be available for pick up after Spring Break.

**Please place contact information on the outside of portfolio.**

**Portfolio dimensions should not exceed 24" x 36"**



**BY CLOSE OF SCHOOL DAY (4:00 p.m.) January 27, 2017**

**RELATED BACKGROUND ACTIVITIES**

Please list hobbies and interests. Describe briefly.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list academic achievements and awards. Describe briefly.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list other achievements and awards. Describe each briefly.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate participation in special programs outside of the school day. Some examples are academic camps, fine arts activities, sports, or organized programs.

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Describe</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

(if more room is needed, use additional paper)

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**Confidential Teacher Recommendation for Applicants**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent:** Please check which area your student is applying for (select only one).

IB                       Band                       Dance                       Drama                       Guitar  
 Piano                       Strings                       Visual Art                       Vocal Music

**To the Teacher:** All information you provide will be held confidential. Thank you for your time in completing this evaluation.

Please FILL IN the appropriate box for each descriptor (on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being least suited--5 being most suited)

	1	2	3	4	5
Academic Potential					
Intellectual Curiosity					
Ability to Concentrate					
Ability to Write					
Critical/Abstract Thinking					
Oral Expression of Ideas					
Self-Motivation					
Participation					
Seeks help					
Work well in groups					
Honesty/Integrity					

How long have you known this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you known or worked with the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments: (include any academic/discipline concerns)

Please enclose this recommendation in a **sealed envelope (signature across seal)** and return to applicant. This completed form **MUST** be submitted **WITH** completed application.

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