

Dominican High School Early Admission Program 2009 - 2010

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How is Early Admission different from the regular admission process?

A. By applying for Early Admission, you are able to be accepted to Dominican in October. If you have a strong 7th and 8th grade academic record, solid standardized test scores, and receive good recommendations from your teachers, you may be admitted early. Although 8th grade students still must take the entrance exam, Early Admissions will allow students to know if they are admitted before the test. The scores for the placement test will be used to help students select their freshmen year courses.

Q. Who qualifies and should apply during the Early Admission period?

A. Students with solid “A” and “B” averages, good middle school standardized test scores (Iowa Basics or WKCE), positive behavioral record and strong teacher recommendations are the most likely to be admitted during Early Admission.

Q. What if I’m on the border, should I still apply?

A. Yes! Even if a decision on your application is deferred until after the entrance exam in November, your file will be complete and a decision can be made quickly once the test results are received. You also will not be in danger of being placed on the waiting list if too many students apply for the available places in the freshman class.

Q. What are the advantages to being admitted early?

- A. Here are a few of the many reasons why a student would want to be admitted early:
- Dominican reserves a portion of its academic merit awards and scholarships for Early Admissions applicants. Families will be able to receive their financial aid awards earlier and with less competition for those dollars.
 - Exemption from “waiting list” status. After January, DHS may establish a wait list for new applicants. Early Admission guarantees you a spot if you qualify for acceptance.
 - The entrance exam fee of \$25.00 will be waived for all Early Admissions applicants.
 - **Be able to plan earlier!** Students and parents will receive information on freshmen year course selection, extra-curricular activities and student life at an Early Admission event early December.
 - Eighth grade is a busy year and having the high school application process behind you can be a big relief so you can enjoy the rest of your middle school experience.

Q. What are important dates to remember for Early Admission?

A. Here is a list of the important dates:

September 14th – October 30th: Early admission applications accepted. Admission decisions are made on a rolling basis as files are completed.

October 21st – Dominican High School Open House

November 6th & 7th -Entrance Exams

December 2nd – Early Admission night for accepted students.

December 18th– Early admission financial aid and scholarship applications are due.

February – First financial aid packages and scholarships are awarded.

Q. How do I apply?

A. Just fill out the enclosed application and send it back to Dominican. We will request your grade school report cards, standardized test scores and teacher recommendations. Once we have a completed application, including all grade school records, an admissions decision will be made with the utmost expediency.

Q. Is there any risk in applying early?

A. No! If your grade school record alone is not sufficient to admit you to Dominican, a decision will be deferred until after you take the entrance exam. The Admission process at Dominican looks at the complete file—no one part of the completed application will determine the admission decision. Student applications are reviewed on an individual basis to determine if a student will be accepted. Students whose applications are “deferred” may be admitted during the regular admission program beginning in November.

Q. Do I still have to take the entrance exam?

A. Yes. But the results will only be used for placement purposes and will not have an effect on your acceptance.

***If you have any questions, please call Ryan Hetchler,
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