



## A D M I S S I O N S : S T E P - B Y - S T E P

Most students enter Delbarton in the seventh or ninth grade. Delbarton enrolls approximately 30 boys into the seventh grade. The majority of students, however, are admitted into the ninth grade, where the School accepts approximately 80 boys.

Transfer applicants into the 10th and 11th grades are also considered. Although transfer applicants will be expected to observe the same application deadlines as regular applicants, decisions about their acceptance are not made until the late spring. Applications for the 8th and 12th grades are not accepted.

After candidates complete their application, test, and interview within the deadlines provided, they will be considered by the Admissions Committee. Applicants will be accepted, declined, or placed into a wait-pool that is maintained until mid-June. If no opening arises, waitpooled students will receive a letter in June informing them that the class is full. Similarly, transfer applicants who have not been accepted will also receive a letter by mid-June informing them that the School is full.

It is to the student's advantage to complete the application process and, if necessary, financial aid forms, as early as possible.

# DELBARTON

*Delbarton School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin in its educational, admission or financial aid policies.*

**Selecting the right school is an important decision. The Admissions Office stands ready to assist you in whatever way we can. Our primary interest is in finding the correct match between student and School.**

## Personal Interview

An essential part of the admission process is the personal interview of the student and his parents. You will be sent a tentative date for your interview once your preliminary application card (Form #1) and Application (Form #2) have been received. Interviews are generally scheduled on Saturday mornings, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. from September through December. During the morning of the interview, a student-guided tour is provided.

## Entrance Examination

Delbarton schedules its own entrance examinations four times a year in October, November and December. Applicants register for an examination by selecting a date on the preliminary application card (Form #1). On the day of the entrance examination, the student should check in for the examination by 8:45 a.m. in Trinity Hall. While the students are taking the entrance examination, the parents are asked to remain for an information program about the School presented by the Admissions Office. Delbarton School, upon request, will honor necessary testing accommodations for students if they provide formal documentation from a Professional Educational Evaluation.

## Visitation of Applicant for a Day

Once the student has applied, he is encouraged to contact the Admissions Office so that arrangements can be made for him to spend a day at the school and visit classes starting in October.

## Evaluation and Selection

The Committee will look specifically at three admissions criteria: character, academics, and co-curricular contribution. First, the committee will evaluate the applicant's character as presented in the teacher and principal reports. The interview is also extremely important in this regard.

Next, in assessing the academic qualifications of the candidate, intellectual ability and motivation are also weighed. Here, the applicant's academic record and test results are considered carefully.

Finally, the co-curricular interests and successes of the applicant are examined. This information is sought through the formal application and personal interview. The Admission committee meets in January to make decisions. Please do not hesitate to contact us to insure that all parts of your son's application have been received. Deadline for applying is November 27.

A waitpool of qualified applicants is formed by the Admissions Committee after selections have been made, and this list is maintained until mid-June. Places that open up for the seventh and ninth grades will be filled with applicants from the waitpool. If no places open up, waitpooled candidates will be sent a letter in mid-June informing them that the class is full. Applications to 10th and 11th grades may be acted upon as late as mid-June.

## Financial Aid Program

Families may request a Financial Aid packet by contacting the Admissions Office. Delbarton School is proud of its financial aid program and encourages candidates to all grades needing financial assistance to apply. The financial aid process is strictly confidential and does not influence an applicant's admission candidacy. We feel that an expanding financial aid program is vital to the development of a first-rate school. Although students receiving assistance are not singled out for special requirements, they are expected to make a clearly positive contribution in terms of attitude and effort in order to justify their grants.

Delbarton School belongs to the School Scholarship Service, and parents are asked to complete, as soon as possible, a confidential form that is sent to the School Scholarship Service in Princeton, New Jersey for processing. From this form the amount of aid is determined. However, an applicant is not considered for a financial aid grant until all deadlines and requirements have been met and the student has been accepted by the Admissions Committee. Selection of recipients is then made by the Financial Aid Committee, and awards are granted to the extent that funds are available.

Please feel free to contact the Admissions Office at Delbarton if you have any questions regarding the School or the admission process.

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