



Holden is an open and affirming school. Holden provides a student-centered educational experience that embraces diversity and nurtures students' unique gifts and talents. We do not discriminate based on race, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnicity, or wardrobe.

Application Guidelines:

Inquiry Process: In order to see whether Holden might be a good fit for your student, please sign up online for one of the options listed below.

- Information Nights are scheduled on Wednesdays and begin at 6 pm. Please [sign up here](#) for upcoming dates.
- Individual and small group tours are scheduled throughout the week. Please [check out our website](#) for upcoming dates.

Application Checklist:

1. Complete and return the Application Form.
2. Submit transcripts and most recent report card, current IEP or 504 plan, and/or learning assessment.
3. Fill out and submit a medical release form (if applicable).
4. Send the [Confidential Teacher Recommendation Form](#) to your student's teacher.
5. Submit a writing sample from the current school year (essay, research paper, creative writing piece). On the writing sample, please include the nature of the assignment. (If applying for Elective Class Option Program, no writing sample is needed.)
6. Enclose the application fee of \$87 or [pay online](#).

Note: Sometimes the admissions committee requests additional interviews or forms to be completed.

Tuition:

Tuition for the 2021-22 school year is \$34,767. Tuition for the Elective Option Program is \$935 per month and the Academic Option Program is \$1015 per month. Tuition for the 2022-23 school year is determined at the end of the fall semester by Holden's Board of Trustees.

Tuition Reduction:

Holden is committed to economic diversity and strives to assist as many families as possible. Tuition Reduction is available for qualifying families and can substantially offset the cost of tuition. On average, 70% of families receive some amount of tuition reduction. Information to apply for Tuition Reduction is available on our website.

Fillable PDF Application Instructions:



Download this application



Type to fill in all form fields



Download the form (again) and "save" it with form fields completed



Email to Kristinl@holdenhigh.org



HOLDEN HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION

All families must complete and return this form to Holden.
Please include/submit the \$87 application fee.

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current School: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Student Lives With: _____

Student Applying For:

Full Program

Academic Class Option

Elective Class Option

If applying for Academic Class Option, mark which academic classes you are interested in:

History

Math

English

Science

Language

IEP Yes No

504 Plan Yes No

Other learning or psychological assessment Yes No

If you have marked yes, please send a copy of the most recent report to kristinl@holdenhigh.org

Please include names and addresses of ALL legal guardians.

Guardian #1 Name: _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Guardian #2 Name: _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Daytime Phone: _____



1. How did you hear about Holden High School?

2. Why are you interested in having your teen attend Holden High School?

3. Please briefly describe your teen:

4. Describe your teen's strengths and challenges in the following areas:

a. Academic:

b. Social/Emotional:

c. Creative:

5. What interests does your teen have? Do they participate in any after-school activities? If so, what?

6. What are your teen's responsibilities at home? Please explain.



7. Are there any learning or health issues about which we should be aware?

8. What educational (classroom or assignment-based) accommodations have been helpful for your teen?

9. If your teen has received or is receiving therapy, please explain the reason for this:
(Additional paperwork may be required.)

10. Does your teen have a history of violence in or out of school? Yes No
If yes, please explain the circumstances.

11. Has your teen ever received severe disciplinary censure at school or from the community?
 Yes No If yes, please explain the circumstances.

Please include the following with this application:

- Transcripts and most recent report card
- Current IEP or 504 plan and learning assessments, and a medical release (if applicable)
- Student writing sample from current school year (essay, research paper, creative writing piece). On the writing sample, please include the nature of the assignment.
- (If applying for the Elective Class Option Program, no writing sample needed.)
- Answers to the questions above and the prospective student questionnaire
- Check for \$87 (or [click here to submit](#) the application fee online)

Note: Holden High School may request additional information before the application is complete.



PROSPECTIVE STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT NAME: _____

1. Why are you interested in applying to Holden?

2. Please briefly describe Holden High School from what you have learned from the tours/website.

3. Describe one thing you are good at and one thing that is hard for you in the following areas:

a. Academic:

b. Social/Personal:

c. Creative:

4. What do you do for fun? What kinds of things interest you?



PROSPECTIVE STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

5. Describe something happening in the world or in your community that interests or concerns you. Why does this interest or concern you?

6. What personal qualities would you bring to our school community?

7. What are two goals you would like to accomplish this school year (academic, social, personal and/or creative)?



HOLDEN HIGH SCHOOL MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

This release includes access to confidential information including but not limited to information held by MDs, Therapists, Counselors, and schools.

FOR TWO WAY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

I, _____, specifically authorize the disclosure of information
(Parent/Guardian Signature)
regarding _____.
(Student Name)

Please mark all that apply:

Yes No **Personal Circumstances (strengths/struggles and family situation/history)**

Yes No **Academic Learning Skills/ Performance**

Yes No **Educational Records/Reports**

Yes No **Medical and Psychological Records/ Reports/Diagnosis/Other Assessments**

Yes No **Legal History**

Yes No **Other (must specify):** _____

The undersigned Parent or Guardian authorizes and grants permission for the transfer and release of any verbal and/or written information or records, including confidential material, to Holden High School and from Holden High School for the purpose of assessment and counseling.

Title: _____ Title: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

To: Holden High School, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda, CA 94563 | 925-254-0199 | Fax: 925-254-6130

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Student



THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION TO HOLDEN HIGH SCHOOL

NEXT STEPS:

- 1.) Ensure that your application is complete
- 2.) Send the [Confidential Teacher Recommendation Form](#) to your students teacher
- 3.) Email the documents listed below to kristinl@holdenhigh.org
 - Completed application
 - Student writing sample (if applicable) from the current school year (essay, research paper, creative writing piece). On the writing sample, please include the nature of the assignment. (If applying for Elective Class Option Program, no writing sample is needed.)
 - Transcripts
 - Most recent report card
 - Current IEP or 504 plan/learning assessment (if applicable)
- 4.) Click [here to submit the \\$87 application fee](#)

Please note:

*Your completed documents can be submitted to kristinl@holdenhigh.org or mailed to:
Holden High School - Attention: Admissions - 10 Irwin Way, Orinda, CA 94563*