

THE BALDWIN SCHOOL

APPLICATION PROCEDURE CHECKLIST FOR ADMISSION TO PRE-KINDERGARTEN and KINDERGARTEN

_____ **APPLICATION FORM:** Please fill out the enclosed Application Form to establish your daughter's file, or go to apply.baldwinschool.org.

_____ **APPLICATION FEE:** When returning the Application Form, please include the \$50.00 application fee by check or money order. If completing the online application, \$50.00 will be charged to your credit card. This fee is non-refundable.

_____ **AGE REQUIREMENT:** Baldwin students should be 4 years old by September 1 of the year they enter Pre-Kindergarten, and 5 years old by September 1 of the year they enter Kindergarten.

_____ **RECOMMENDATION FORM:** We value input from your child's pre-school teacher. Please give this form to your daughter's classroom teacher at her current school after Thanksgiving. Please ask your daughter's teacher to send the completed form directly to the Baldwin Admissions Office. We must receive this form by February 1 to be considered in the first round of decisions. To ensure consideration of your daughter's application, we encourage you to follow-up with your daughter's teacher to make sure the form has been sent to us by the deadline.

_____ **PARENT VISIT AND TOUR:** We invite all of our applicant families to visit Baldwin, as we look forward to getting to know you. **An All-School Open House will be held on these dates: Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 6 p.m.; Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at 9 a.m.; Sunday, February 12, 2012, at 2 p.m.; and Thursday, April 19, 2012, at 9 a.m.** These events provide an opportunity to tour Baldwin's facilities and learn about our programs. For further information and to talk specifically about the ways in which Baldwin might benefit your child, you are also welcome to schedule an individual appointment by calling the Admissions Office at 610-525-2888, ext. 291.

_____ **STUDENT VISIT/EVALUATION:** We value the opportunity to have your daughter visit Baldwin and we require all Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten applicants to participate in a playdate at Baldwin. Once we receive your daughter's application, we will contact you to arrange for a playdate. These playdates can be scheduled only after your daughter's application is on file.

_____ **TESTING:** To assist us in assessing the fit between your daughter's strengths and needs and Baldwin's program, children applying to Kindergarten are required to take the WPPSI-III (Wechsler Pre-Primary Scale of Intelligence-III) within one year of submitting an application. Test results should be received by Baldwin no later than February 1. Submitting scores from a recent WPPSI-III is optional for students applying to Pre-Kindergarten. This test is administered at a number of educational testing services.

_____ **FINANCIAL AID:** Financial aid decisions for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten are made independently from admissions decisions once an offer of admission has been made. To be considered for financial aid, please be aware that you must complete the Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) for both parents online, submitting your information through the School and Student Service (SSS) at sss.nais.org, no later than January 15. The Baldwin School code is 1468; the SSS computation process can take up to two (2) weeks. Limited financial aid is available for Pre-Kindergarten, up to a maximum of 25% of tuition. For Kindergarten, a maximum of up to 50% of tuition may be offered, based upon the family's demonstrated need and the School's ability to help meet that need.

To ensure full consideration of your daughter's application in the first round of decisions, please make sure that all application materials are received by the Admissions Office by the February 1 deadline. Additionally, please be aware that the sooner your daughter's application is complete, the sooner it will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee. Early completion of the application may enable us to respond with an earlier admission decision. Applications completed after the February 1 deadline will be considered as space permits after the first round of admission decisions has been made.