



Learning for life.

Thank you for your interest in San Diego Jewish Academy, a pluralistic community day school. We hope you will find our Admission material helpful as you begin the application process.

This is an exciting time in the history of our school. In 1979 we opened our doors with 80 students. Thirty years later we have grown to our 56-acre site in Carmel Valley that has the capacity for 1000 students with facilities that encompass a state-of-the art, secure campus.

Our school is unique in many ways:

- Our dual curriculum provides our students with an outstanding education in both general and Judaic studies.
- Our students are diverse religiously, academically, economically and geographically and we pride ourselves on our pluralistic approach to Jewish learning.
- Our faculty is talented and dedicated. The strong personal bonds between our teachers, students and parents create a caring and supportive environment.
- Our graduates are very successful in college and become active, involved members of their communities--during and after their college years.

A SDJA education shapes the minds, hearts and spirits of students. Children develop a love of learning that drives them to seek and acquire knowledge while gaining an integrated Jewish identity. They learn Hebrew, Jewish traditions, texts and values within a diverse environment that breeds acceptance and understanding.

Please call our Admissions Office at 858-704-3716 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Renee Sherman
Director of Admission
rsherman@sdja.com
858-704-3716

Maimonides Upper School Application Checklist

Please use the following checklist to ensure that you have completed all the necessary steps for the application process.

- Complete and return the application.
- Include a non-refundable application fee of \$100.
- Request that your child's current school fill out the Math, English and Administrator Recommendation Forms and return them to the San Diego Jewish Academy Admissions Office.
- Request that your child's current school send a copy of all report cards, standardized tests and academic records.
- Contact the Admissions Office at 858-704-3716 to schedule a parent tour and your child's shadow day.
- If applicable, complete the Tuition Assistance application.

The Tuition Assistance program at SDJA is available to families with documented financial need. SDJA uses the services of FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition) to process Tuition Assistance applications. You can find the link for our online application and more information about Tuition Assistance at http://www.sdja.com/admissions_affording.php

Financial need is not a factor in determining admission. You will be notified of your Tuition Assistance award after your child is accepted to SDJA.

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:
Admissions Office
San Diego Jewish Academy
Phone: 858-704-3716
Email: admissions@sdja.com

MAIMONIDES UPPER SCHOOL

Applicant Information

Applicant Name:

Last	First	Middle	Preferred Name
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Home phone: (____) _____ Hebrew name: _____

Street address: _____

City	State	Zip
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Student email: _____ Male Female

Date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Birthplace: _____ I-20 Required (Int'l Student) yes no
Month Day Year

Native language: _____ Primary language spoken at home: _____

Applicant's race/ ethnicity

White African American Native American Latino or Hispanic Asian Pacific Islander Other
While optional, this information is helpful for SDJA as we seek to better serve our community.

Applicant's religious affiliations and/ or synagogue membership(s):

_____ *While optional, this information is helpful for SDJA as we seek to better serve our community*

Academic Information

Applying for Grade: _____ Academic Year 20____ - 20____

Current school: _____ Current grade: _____

Previous school(s) attended: _____	Grades: _____	Years: _____
_____	Grades: _____	Years: _____
_____	Grades: _____	Years: _____

Has student: Previously applied to SDJA? If yes, grade and academic year _____
 Skipped a grade? If yes, grade and academic year _____
 Repeated a grade? If yes, grade and academic year _____

This section on Hebrew language to be completed by all applicants:

In order to properly place your child in a Hebrew class, please rate his/her knowledge of Modern Hebrew based on the following scale:

0= no knowledge/skills 1= limited knowledge/skills 2= significant knowledge/skills 3 = fluent knowledge/skills

Reading comprehension ____ Speaking ability ____ Writing ability ____ Oral Comprehension ____

Family information

Please check all that apply. (Parent or Guardian = PG)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married | <input type="checkbox"/> PG 1 remarried |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | <input type="checkbox"/> PG 2 remarried |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Separated | <input type="checkbox"/> PG 1 deceased |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced | <input type="checkbox"/> PG 2 deceased |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnered | |

Parent or Guardian 1

Parent or Guardian 2

Name: _____

Relationship to
Student: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Mobile Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Business Telephone: _____

With whom is the applicant living? Parent or Guardian 1 Parent or Guardian 2 Both

Please list other children in the family

Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____	School _____
Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____	School _____
Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____	School _____

Please share with us why you chose San Diego Jewish Academy:

How did you hear about SDJA?

Who was the primary person who referred you to San Diego Jewish Academy?

Name and relationship of any friends/relatives who attend or have attended San Diego Jewish Academy:

Full name

Grade

Relationship

Full name

Grade

Relationship

Parent Questionnaire

(Please complete all sections and use additional paper, if necessary)

What are your child's strengths and weaknesses? (Please comment on social characteristics: e.g., self-reliance, sense of humor, shyness, assertiveness, etc.)

Has your child had any tutoring?

Yes No If yes, please give subjects and timing:

Has your child undergone any visual, hearing, I. Q., special education, or other educational assessment?

Yes No If yes, please give details:

Has your child ever had emotional, social, or behavioral problems that required special help?

Yes No If yes, please give details:

Is there any additional information concerning your child about which SDJA should be aware?

Yes No If yes, please explain:

Has your child ever had an IEP, 504 or formal written accommodation plan?

Yes No If yes, please explain and provide a copy:

Has your child been suspended or expelled from their school in the past two years due to disciplinary issues?

Yes No If yes, please explain:

Application Fee

Please return this application with a \$100 non-refundable application fee.

Tuition Assistance

- I do not want to apply for Tuition Assistance
- I wish to apply for Tuition Assistance for the school year.
 - I received the Tuition Assistance packet
 - I would like to receive more information about Tuition Assistance

THIS APPLICATION CAN ONLY BE PROCESSED WITH AN ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION FEE

Do you owe funds at any other private day school? Yes No

If you are separated or divorced, it is requested that both natural parents sign the application.

By signing this application, I hereby acknowledge all the information provided is accurate and complete. Omission of (or inaccurate) information may be grounds for dismissal if student has been accepted.

Signature of parent or legal guardian of applicant Relationship Date

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Please make check payable to: San Diego Jewish Academy

Please return this completed and signed form to:

San Diego Jewish Academy • 11860 Carmel Creek Road • San Diego • CA • 92130

San Diego Jewish Academy does not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, religion, marital status, registered domestic partner status, age, national origin or ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition including genetic characteristics, sexual orientation, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. It also does not discriminate based on the perception that anyone has any of those characteristics, or is associated with a person who has or is perceived as having any of those characteristics. All such discrimination is **unlawful**.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____ Received By: _____ Entered By: _____ Application Fee \$ _____ Check # _____

Receipt #: _____ MASTERCARD VISA AMERICAN EXPRESS DISCOVER

Do you play a musical instrument?

Yes No

If yes, which one(s)?

Describe the qualities of your favorite teacher:

Do you participate in any sports?

Yes No If yes, which one(s)?

What three words best describe you? 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Please tell us something about yourself that has not been included in this application:

What do you feel you can contribute to San Diego Jewish Academy?

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Current Math Teacher Recommendation Grades 6 -12

This student is enrolled in: Arithmetic Pre-algebra Geometry Other: _____
 Section level of course: Remedial Regular Advanced Mixed-ability

Textbook(s): _____ Suggested math placement for next year: _____

Please compare this student's academic achievement to his/her ability: _____

Please describe this student's mental ability with regards to the subject of mathematics (Consider ability to retain mathematical relationships and principals, drawing generalizations, applying basic principles in word problems, and relying on memory vs. conceptual processes.): _____

Please comment on this student's study habits (Consider initiative, industry promptness, drive, ability to organize, etc.): _____

Please comment on this student as a person (Consider maturity, integrity, behavior, respect for others, self-discipline, individuality, sense of community service, etc.): _____

Other comments and remarks (Are there any traits, good or bad, not mentioned above that are worthy of noting?): _____

I recommend this student:

Not at All With Reservation Mildly With Confidence Enthusiastically

Academic ability and promise					
Character and personal promise					
Integrity					
Overall					

Is there any additional information that can be better conveyed in a phone conversation? Yes No

Hours you are available: _____ to _____ AM/PM Phone: (____) _____

Teacher's name: _____

School name: _____

School address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this completed and signed form to:

San Diego Jewish Academy ▪ Director of Admissions



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Confidential English Teacher Recommendation Grades 6 -12

To the Parent

Please type or print your child's name and submit this form to your child's current English teacher with the pre-addressed, SDJA envelope.

Applicant's name: _____ Applying to enter grade: ____ in the fall of: 20____ - 20____
First Last

To the Teacher

Please complete the form below which will be accepted by San Diego Jewish Academy. Please feel free to photocopy your complete recommendation for your files. This recommendation will remain confidential and will not become part of the student's permanent record.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

Applicant Information

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	One of the Best Ever
Reading comprehension						
Effectiveness of writing						
Development of ideas						
Study habits						
Attention span						
Intellectual aptitude						
Intellectual curiosity						
Critical and abstract thinking skills						
Creativity						
Self-confidence						
Leadership potential						
Reaction to criticism						
Reaction to setbacks						
Concern for others						
Personal conduct						
Personal integrity						
Ability to act independently						
Ability to work cooperatively						
General level of maturity						
Sense of humor						

(over)

Current English Teacher Recommendation Grades 6 -12

Please compare this student's academic achievement to his/her ability: _____

Please describe this student's mental ability with regards to the subject of English. (Consider reading and writing skills, originality, imagination, creativity, etc.): _____

Please comment on this student's study habits (Consider initiative, industry promptness, drive, ability to organize, etc.): _____

Please comment on this student as a person (Consider maturity, integrity, behavior, respect for others, self-discipline, individuality, sense of community service, etc.): _____

Other comments and remarks (Are there any traits, good or bad, not mentioned above that are worthy of noting?): _____

I recommend this student:

Not at All With Reservation Mildly With Confidence Enthusiastically

	Not at All	With Reservation	Mildly	With Confidence	Enthusiastically
Academic ability and promise					
Character and personal promise					
Integrity					
Overall					

Is there any additional information that can be better conveyed in a phone conversation? Yes No

Hours you are available: _____ to _____ AM/PM Phone: (_____) _____

Teacher's name: _____

School name: _____

School address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this completed and signed form to:

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Confidential Administrator Recommendation Grades 6 -12

To the Parent

Please type or print your child's name and submit this form to your child's current Head of School, Principal or Guidance Counselor with the pre-addressed, SDJA envelope.

Student's name: _____ Applying to enter grade: _____ in the fall of: 20____ - 20____
First Last

To the Administrator

San Diego Jewish Academy, a K-12 pluralistic community day school, challenges its students to achieve their full academic potential and become individuals of strong moral and ethical character, while inspiring them to make Judaism a vital aspect of their lives.

Please fill out both sides of this form so we can evaluate this applicant effectively. Your observations assessing both academic and personal qualities of a student are useful. In thinking of the student, please comment on his/her work habits, classroom behavior, integrity, and respect for others. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

Applicant Information

	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	One of the Best Ever
Academic achievement						
Conduct						
Integrity						
Consideration of others						
Social adjustment with peers						
Stability						
Attendance						

Family Information

	Not at All	With Reservation	Mildly	With Confidence	Enthusiastically
Communication with school					
Attendance at school functions					
Cooperation with school rules					
Cooperation with faculty/administration					
Fulfillment of financial responsibilities					
Participation in school community					
Participation in child's education					

How long have you known this student and in what capacity? _____

Has this student ever been subject to any disciplinary action while attending your school? If yes, please explain:

(over)

Current Administrator Recommendation Grades 6 -12

Please share with us your observation about this student's academic ability, work habits, relationships with peers, classroom behavior, attitude and emotional maturity: _____

Please comment on this student's contribution to your school community and potential for leadership:

Please comment on the parents' expectations for their child. Please explain the way in which the family supports their child and the policies of your school: _____

I recommend this student:

Not at All With Reservation Mildly With Confidence Enthusiastically

	Not at All	With Reservation	Mildly	With Confidence	Enthusiastically
Academic ability and promise					
Character and personal promise					
Integrity					
Overall					

Please make any additional comments about this student: _____

Is there any additional information that can be better conveyed in a phone conversation? Yes No

Hours you are available: _____ to _____ AM/PM Phone: (____) _____

Administrator's name: _____

School name: _____

School address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this completed and signed form to:

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MAIMONIDES UPPER SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

To the Parent

In order for SDJA's Admissions Office to receive your child's records, **please complete the top portion of this form and submit the entire form your child's current school office**, along with the pre-addressed SDJA envelope. This form must ONLY be submitted to San Diego Jewish Academy by your child's school.

Student's name:

(Please print) First Middle Last Current grade: _____

Name of current school: _____

Please read and sign the statement below.

For the student named above, I authorize the release of school records, including an official transcript of all grades for the current semester and past two academic years, as well as the results of standardized testing from the same time period. I waive my right to read the confidential teacher recommendations and the school report.

Student's Parent or Guardian's name:

(Please print) First Last

Signature of Student's Parent or Guardian Date

To the Student's Current School

Please send this student's official transcript for the current semester and past two completed academic years. This should include all grades earned for courses taken to date, attendance, scores for aptitude and achievement tests. Please note that this form must be included with the transcripts.

Name of School Official:

(Please print) First Last (_____) _____
Phone

Signature of School Official Date

Should you have any questions, please contact our **Admissions Office at 858-704-3716**.

Thank you for your assistance.

Please mail transcripts to:

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