

### **2023-2024 Homeschool Application Guidelines**

We recognize that there are many education options for families to consider, including Homeschooling. When students apply from a traditional school setting, Admission Offices often have an understanding of a student's current school community and the academic and extracurricular programming that students participate in. For students who have been enrolled in homeschool programs, this varies significantly from student to student.

Given the different approaches, we have created this document to help families understand what to submit. In order to help the Admission Committee understand your program, we ask that the coordinator(s) of your homeschool program prepare a 1-2 page brief about your homeschool plan. We suggest you include the following information:

- Goals of the program and educational philosophy
- Description of the approach to teaching and learning - Structure and timing of educational activities
- Links to curriculum and/or online course information
- Important texts read/used
- Types of assignments, projects and volume of workload
- If this was a cohort homeschool program please include number of students and grade levels
- If you worked with a certificated teacher to provide your homeschool programming, please include teacher names and contact information
- For the current year and previous two academic years: courses taken, topics covered and any grades/grading scale if used
- If student is a California state resident: A copy of the Annual Assessment or state standardized test score report, as required by the state of California from the past two years
- If student is not a California resident: please include any state required testing/assessments as applicable

#### **Teacher and Principal Recommendations**

Castilleja requires two teacher recommendations and one principal recommendation as a part of the application. For homeschool applicants, two teacher recommendations should be submitted by a non-family member. The principal recommendation can be submitted by coaches, tutors, mentors, or other adults who have a non-familial relationship with the applicant.

If you have clarifying questions, please contact our office at [admissions@castilleja.org](mailto:admissions@castilleja.org)