



School Profile

Type of School: A co-educational, independent, college-preparatory elementary day school with approximately 70 boys and girls in grades Pre-K through 8.

Faculty & Class Size: 12 faculty members; almost all are credentialed and several hold Masters degrees. Average class size is 12, maximum is 16 (except in Kindergarten with a full-time aide).

Campus & Facilities: Founded in 1948, Hilldale's three-acre campus sits on a mountain at the edge of the San Bruno mountains overlooking Daly City. There are three home-like buildings housing:

- 10 Classrooms
- Library/Art/Music rooms
- Two Computer Labs – all computers connected to the internet

Student Body: Very ethnically diverse. Approximately 85% of our student population has at least one parent from another country, and a number of our students speak a second language at home. At Hilldale, there is a deep respect for every individual, regardless of cultural, racial, ethnic, or religious differences.

Philosophy: Hilldale School dedicates itself to the full development of the individual student in preparation for the challenges of higher education and life. The school promotes enduring habits of intellectual curiosity, appreciation for the arts, physical fitness, and respect for self and others. Habits of inquiry, independent thinking, and imagination are fostered through a rich and rigorous curriculum which challenges students to maximize their abilities. The goal is for students to leave Hilldale strong in character, well prepared for further education, determined to fully develop their own gifts, and ready to share those gifts generously with the wider community.

Costs: For the 2008-2009 school year, tuition for each grade is \$10,975 plus \$200-\$350 for rental of textbooks and supplies. There is also a one-time registration fee of \$100. Field trips, lunches, and special activities may sometimes have small additional charges.

Financial Assistance: Several tuition reduction grants are awarded each year on the basis of family need.

Accreditation: We plan to begin the process of accreditation in the 2008-2009 school year.

Admission: Hilldale School considers each candidate individually and fairly. There are no specific test scores or grades that automatically assure or deny entrance. Among the most important criteria for acceptance into Kindergarten through Grade 1 are sociability and an indication of high academic ability as shown on the Detroit Test of Learning Aptitude, the Expressive One-Word Picture Test, and our own testing materials. Among the criteria for acceptance into Grades 2-8 are sociability, prior academic records, a mathematics test, a writing sample, and recommendations from our teachers after the child shadows for a day. In all cases, it is extremely important that the candidate genuinely desire to attend Hilldale School and that both the child and the parents are willing to support the curriculum expectations and participate fully in the opportunities available.

Enrollment: After testing and receipt of the school's verbal acceptance, parents must submit Registration forms, signed by both parents, and a non-refundable \$100 registration fee and \$500 down payment on the year's tuition, in order to hold a space for your child. This locks in your child's space and, after March 15th, acknowledges that you are accepting complete responsibility for the full-year tuition.