

The Watershed School



Watershed is a small private NEASC accredited high school. It is a learning community with high expectations and a demanding academic program. Students who thrive at Watershed are curious, motivated learners who are willing to challenge themselves.

Instructions

This application is designed to give us a sense of your academic achievements, your background and your interests in and out of school. The essay portions of the application will give you a chance to let us know how you see the world and to demonstrate your skill as a writer. The open-ended questions do not have one “right answer,” each individual will answer them differently. We encourage you to let us know what you think, not what you think we want to hear. Some of the questions are meant to be fun so enjoy yourself!

The creative supplement portion of the application is optional. If you have an example of creative work that you would like to share with us, please hand in a representation of it with your application. Please do not submit original work. Creative supplements include such things as: an audio or videotape of music, dancing, or a theatrical performance; art portfolios; examples of craftsmanship such as a carpentry or boat building project; computer programs, web site design; creative writing, or poetry.

Two of the references should be filled out by your current Math teacher and your current English or History teacher. Additional references from teachers outside these subject areas are welcome. The personal reference should be completed by an adult who knows you well but is not a relative.

Transcripts or narrative reports from the past three years should be returned with your application materials. If you have been home schooled, evaluations written by your teachers may be substituted. We ask that any formal test results that are pertinent to your academic performance also be submitted.

Checklist:

- Attend two full days of classes
- Student Information Sheet
- Student Short Essays (handwritten)
- Student Long Essay (typed or handwritten)
- Creative Supplement (optional)
- 3 References (Math, English or History, Personal)
- Parent Information Sheet
- Parent Short Essays
- Copies of Transcripts from the past 3 years
- Formal Testing Results
- Interview with Admissions Committee
- Baseline Skills Survey of Math & Reading Comprehension – Taken on the day of the interview.
- \$50.00 Application Fee

The Watershed School does not discriminate on the basis of gender, religion, race or socio-economic status.

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Watershed School Parent Information Sheet

Parent/Guardian 1

First Name	Middle	Last	Relationship
Address		Phone Number	
City/State/Zip		Business Phone	
Occupation	Employer	E-mail	

Parent/Guardian 2

First Name	Middle	Last	Relationship
Address		Phone Number	
City/State/Zip		Business Phone	
Occupation	Employer	E-mail	

Parents' Marital Status	___ M	___ D	___ Single Parent	___ Separated
Applicant Resides with:	___ Parent/Guardian #1	___ Parent/Guardian#2	___ Other _____	
Who has legal custody?	___ Parent/Guardian #1	___ Parent/Guardian#2	___ Other _____	

Siblings

Name	Date of Birth	Current School	Grade
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

WS is committed to having a socio-economically diverse student body and a fiscally stable school. Tuition is \$14,400.00 per year. This figure is subject to change and approval by Watershed School's Board of Directors.

We encourage families who would have difficulty meeting this financial obligation to apply for financial aid.

Parent Short Essays: You may wish to use a separate piece of paper.

Briefly describe your child's social and academic strengths and weaknesses.

Describe your child's attitude towards school and learning.

Why do you feel that the Watershed School will be a good fit for your child?

Do you feel that your child will need any specific assistance to ensure his or her academic or social success while attending Watershed? If your child has had an IEP, please list the accommodations it provided?

Please list formal activities in which your child participates such as music lessons, bands, sports or art.

Is there any other information you would like to share about your child?

Please send to:

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Camden, ME 04843

If you have questions please contact the school 230-7341

Watershed School
Student Information Sheet

Applicant

First Name	Middle	Last	Preferred Name or Nickname
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Home Address	Social Security Number
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City	State	Zip Code
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Date of Birth	Male/Female
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Phone Number	Email
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Current Grade	Current School
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Current School

Name	Address	Telephone
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Years attended	Principal
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Other Schools attended in the past 3 years:

Name	Address	Phone	Years Attended
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For this portion of the application, we expect students to give an example of their best work.

Student Short Essays: Please **handwrite one or two paragraphs per essay on lined paper.**

How do you spend your free time?

What is the biggest issue facing you today? Explain your answer.

What is the biggest issue facing the world today? Explain your answer.

Answer **one** of the following questions:

What's your favorite color? Why?

What's your favorite word? Why?

What's your favorite book? Why?

What's your favorite film? Why?

What's your favorite Internet site? Why?

Student Long Essay:

Respond to **one** of the following topics. Your essay should be 1 ½ to 2 pages long and may be typed.

Create a course that you would like to take or teach.

Look out any window of your house and describe what you see and how you would change it.

If you could choose any person, living or dead, to spend the day with, whom would you choose and why?

Creative Supplement (optional):

Please use this space to describe any supplemental materials you are submitting.

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Teacher Reference, English or History

Candidate's Name _____ Date _____

To the Parent/ Guardian/ Applicant:

Please read and sign the following statement.

I acknowledge that I waive my right to read the confidential teacher recommendation and the school report for the student listed above.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Signature of Applicant _____

Teacher's Name _____ School _____

To the Teacher:

Please comment candidly on the applicant's intellectual ability and achievement and their role in the class. Your responses are appreciated and will be kept confidential.

How long and in what capacity have you known this candidate?

What academic strengths and weaknesses have you noticed in the candidate? For example how well is the candidate able to focus in class, to organize their work, and to meet deadlines?

How do you assess the candidate's academic achievement in relation to ability?

Please describe the candidate's ability to express ideas clearly in speech and writing

What are the candidate's social strengths and weaknesses? How does she/he interact in groups?
Does he/she take on leadership roles?

How does the candidate respond to criticism?

If the candidate, at any time, has been subject to discipline or censure, please comment.

How well do you feel you know him/her?
___ well ___ fairly well ___ not very well

Do you have any additional comments that may be helpful to us in assessing this candidate?

The Watershed School is a close-knit learning community with high expectations and a demanding academic program. Students who thrive at Watershed are curious, motivated learners who are willing to challenge themselves.

Considering all aspects of this candidate, how do you recommend him/her for admission to The Watershed School?

___ with enthusiasm ___ fairly confidently ___ with reservations ___ not recommended

Name _____ **Signature** _____

School Title _____

Date _____ **Phone** _____

Thank you for your help.

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Teacher Reference, Mathematics

Candidate's Name _____

Date _____

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I waive my right to read the confidential teacher recommendation and the school report for the student listed above.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Signature of Applicant _____

Teacher's Name _____ School _____

To the Teacher:

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How long and in what capacity have you known this candidate?

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Personal Reference

Candidate's Name _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Signature of Parent of Guardian _____

Date _____

To the Parent/Guardian/Applicant:

Please read and sign the following statement. I waive my right to read the confidential recommendation for the student listed above.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Signature of Applicant _____

Name of Personal Reference _____

To the individual completing this form:

Please use this form to comment candidly on the applicant's ability and character. Please include any information that will help us predict this candidate's success in The Watershed School. Your comments will be kept confidential.

Please feel free to use a separate piece of paper if you need more space

How long and in what capacity have you known this candidate?

How well do you feel you know him/her?

___ well ___ fairly well ___ not very well

Describe the candidate.

What qualities do you admire the most about this person?

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What special concerns would you have about the candidate if he/she were to attend Watershed?

Considering all aspects of this candidate, how do you recommend him/her for admission to The Watershed School?

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Name _____ **Signature** _____

Relationship to Applicant? _____

Date _____ **Phone** _____

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