Fall 2013

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Wise School. The decision of where to have your child attend elementary school is an important one – you will be looking to balance the academic, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of your child. Wise School offers a safe and nurturing environment, ideal for your child's growth and development, supported by a curriculum that emphasizes academic excellence, innovative programs, and values-based learning.

One of the key benefits of a Wise School education is our partnership with the University of Southern California Rossier School of Education. This is the first ever affiliation for gifted education between USC and an independent school. This collaborative effort provides our School with research-based curriculum and cutting-edge training for our teachers, and gives all of our students access to gifted curriculum. I invite you to learn more about this extraordinary program at our Open House events, on our website, or by contacting me directly.

This admission packet provides you with an application for admission, recommendation forms, and other important admission-related materials. I hope you will join us for an open house which will provide you with an opportunity to see for yourself what sets Wise School apart from the rest.

I look forward to meeting you this fall. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 310.889.2275.

Warmest regards,

Beth Below

Beth Behar

Director of Admission



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION DUE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2014

APPLICANT INFORMATION

To be accomplated by the complication	annat an arrandian			
To be completed by the applicant's p	parent or guardian			-1.
Applying to enter Grade	in F	all 2014		Please affix a
Applicant's Name				recent
First	Middle		Last	photograph of
Preferred Name/Nickname			🗆 Male 🗆 l	Female the applicant.
Date of Birth	Place of	Birth		
Month	Day Year	City	State Zip	
Applicant's Home Address				
	Street/Post Office Box			
		Applicar	nt's Home Phone ()
City State	Zip		Area Code	
Applicant lives with:	rents 🗆 Mother	□ Father	□ Other (please specify)	
Has the applicant previously appl	ied to Wise School? ☐ Yes	□ No Year of ap	oplication	Grade
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	Please affix a		Please affix a	
	recent		recent	
	photograph of		photograph of	
	parent 1		parent 2	
CURRENT SCHOOL II	NEORMATION (IE AI	PPLICABLE)		
Applicant's Current School		, _, _,	Cu	rrent Grade
School Head or Principal				
·				
School Address		City	State	Zip
School Phone ()	Chec	k if: □ Public □ Privat	e	
Area Code				
OFFICE LICE ONLY				
OFFICE USE ONLY				
Date Received	Check #	M#	ID#	

FAMILY INFORMATION

PARENT 1 PARENT 2

Please circle:		Please circle:	Please circle:			
Mr./Mrs./Ms./D	r./Rabbi		Mr./Mrs./Ms./[Or./Rabbi		
First	Middle	Last	First	Middle	Last	
Relationship:	□ Father □ Mother □ Other (please	☐ Stepfather☐ Stepmotherespecify)	Relationship:	□ Father □ Mother □ Other (please sp	□ Stepfather □ Stepmother pecify)	
Home Address	Street/Post Office Box		Home Address	Street/Post Office Box		
	Street/ Post Office Box	•		Street/ Post Office box		
City	State	Zip	City	State	Zip	
Home Phone (Area Code		Home Phone (_)		
)			\rea Code		
Number of years	at this address		Number of years	s at this address		
E-mail Address _			E-mail Address			
Nation of Birth		Birthdate	Nation of Birth _		Birthdate	
Industry			Industry			
Job Specialty			Job Specialty			
Occupation			Occupation			
Job Title			Job Title			
Business Address	S		Business Addres	SS		
Business Phone (Area Code		Business Phone	()		
Educational Back	ground		Educational Bac	kground		
School	Degree/Subjec	t Year of Graduation	School	Degree/Subject	Year of Graduation	
	arents live separately	☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Separate ☐		☐ Domestic Partner	se indicate to which address you prefer al	
correspondence Parent 1	□ Ра		(please specify)			
Address (if not lis	sted above):					
In the case of sepa	aration or divorce, it is	necessary for the School to have the sig	gnatures of both natural paren	ts.		
Signature		Date	Signature		Date	

FAMILY INFORMATION (continued)

Please list siblings of the applicant:					
Name	DOB	Gender	Grade	School Attending	
Name	DOB	Gender	Grade	School Attending	
Name	DOB	Gender	Grade	School Attending	
Name	DOB	Gender	Grade	School Attending	
How did you hear about Wise School?					
Name and relationship of any friends/relatives who have atter	nded Wise School				
Primary language spoken at home				me	
FINANCIAL AID					
If you wish to apply for financial aid, please visit our website at	www.WiseElementar	y.org/Financial	Aid to downlo	ad the required forms.	
TEMPLE MEMBERSHIP					
Are you currently a member of Stephen S. Wise Temple?	□ Yes □ No				
Are you a member of any other Temple?	□ Yes □ No				
Name of Temple			Dates of Men	nbership	to
PLEASE NOTE: If your child attends Wise School Temple me	embership is require	d.			
APPLICANT'S PREVIOUS SCHOOL	.ING				
Please list all schools attended, and provide dates of attendance	e.				
A. Preschools or Elementary School	City and State		D	ates of Attendance	
B. Religious/Hebrew School (If applicable)	Temple/Synagog	ue	D	ates of Attendance	
Is the applicant applying to any other school(s)? $\ \square$ Yes $\ \square$ No)				
If was please list school(s)					

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y child excels at:	
child enjoys the following ac	civities:
child benefits from support	n the following areas:
erina benents from support	The following dieds.
e welcome any additional con	nments that you might like to make about your child. A parental perspective helps us get to know each applicant more completely.
ase describe any special circu	ımstances that may have affected the applicant's school experience in the past or may do so in the future.
PPLICATION DA	TES
ents of applicants are advise stmark date, but rather the da	to submit this application as soon as possible. The application deadline is Friday, January 31, 2014. This is not a te the application must be received by the Office of Admission.
on-refundable application fe	e of \$150 must accompany this application. Please make checks payable to: Stephen S. Wise Temple.
ase sign here to indicate that	all of the above information is complete and accurate.
	Signed
to	Signed Parent or Legal Guardian of Applicant

Wise School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, financial aid, athletic, and other school-administered programs.



WISESCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL PRESCHOOL TEACHER EVALUATION FORM DUE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2014

INSTRUCTIONS TO PARENTS

pplicant's Name			Candidate for (Grade
eacher's Name				
chool's Name		_ Telephone Number	()	
This recommendation Pleas	should not be co ll e send directly to re	•	cember 2013.	
consortium of schools has developed this form to better a it this evaluation is extremely helpful. It is important to all o le greatly appreciate you taking the time and effort to combe professional comments you share will be held in the strict	of us that the child's next in Explete and return this form	school placement be an app n. Your insights and observe	propriate one for both t ations are important to	he student and th all of us. Please k
Social and Emotional Development	Mature	Age Appropriate	Needs Development	Immature
Listens				
Cooperates				
Relates to peers				
Relates to adults				
Exhibits self-confidence				
Adjusts to transitions				
Tolerates frustration				
Separates from parents				
Shares materials and possessions				
Functions independently				
Asks for help when needed				
omments:				
Physical Development	Mature	Age Appropriate	Needs Development	Immature
Fine motor control			·	
Gross motor control				
Handedness established (specify hand)	Yes?	No?		

SCHOOL REQUESTING INFORMATION: Wise School

Cognitive Development	Mature	Age Appropriate	Needs Development	Immature
Expresses ideas orally				
Articulates clearly				
Sustains attention in small groups				
Sustains attention in large groups				
Grasps concepts				
Recalls details				
Demonstrates an interest in learning				
Interacts with materials				
Follows directions				
How would you describe this child?				
Family Information	Consistently	Usually	Sometimes	Never
Communicates openly with the school				
Participates in school activities				
Cooperates with classroom teachers				
Cooperates with administration				
Follows the rules and policies of the school				
Has realistic expectations for their child				
Meets financial obligations in a timely manner				
How would you describe this family?				
Signature: Title or position:	Type or prir	t name:		
	Type or prir	it name:		



Recommendation

WISESCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL TEACHER RECOMMENDATION (FOR GRADES 1-6) DUE ON OR BEFORE January 31, 2014

INSTRUCTIONS TO PARENTS						
	m is to be completed by the give this form with the					
Applicant's Name				Candidate for (Grade	
Teacher's Name						
School's Name			Telephone Number	·()		
INSTRUCTIONS T	O TEACHER					
This recommendation sh	ould not be completed be	efore December 20	13.			
Wise School is an accredit personal qualities, as well a consider the applicant's ca	as your input on work hab					
How long and in what ca	pacity have you known t	he applicant and a	pplicant's family?			
Please write a brief parag	graph regarding this stud					
Recommendation:	Not	Without	Fairly	Strongly	Enthusiastically	
	Recommended	Enthusiasm	Strongly			
Academic Potential						
Character and Personal Promise						
Overall						

COMMON RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR TEACHERS

APPLICANT'S NAME				
1. Academic achievement	□ below expectations	□fair	□good	outstanding
2. Ability to work in a group	□ has great difficulty	□ sometimes has difficult	y□ usually effective	□ always work well
3. Ability to work alone	□ has great difficulty	needs help frequently	□ needs help occasionally	□ always work well
4. Participation in discussion	□ rarely contributes	□ wants to dominate	□ contributes occasionally	/ □ joins in readily
5. Classroom conduct	☐ frequent disruptions	□ occasional misconduct	□ usually good behavior	□ good conduct
6. Written expression	□poor	□limited	□good	□ excellent
7. Ability to express ideas orally	□limited	□ has some difficulty	□good	□exceptional
8. Daily preparation	□poor	□fair	□good	□excellent
9. Use of time	uses poorly	□ occasionally wastes tim	e□ usually uses well	□ always uses effectively
10. Follows directions	□rarely	□ needs much explanatio	n□ occasionally needs help	□ quickly and effectively
11. Critical thinking	□limited	□fair	□good	□ excellent
12. Seeks help when needed	□rarely	□occasionally	usually	□always
13. Effort/drive	□limited	□sporadic	□ usually good	□ exceptionally good
14. Attention span	□ easily distracted	□ occasionally distracted	□ usually good	□ exceptionally good
15. Leadership potential	□ a follower	□ leads when given responsibility	□ seeks opportunities (and uses them well)	□ a natural leader
16. Initiative	□ never initiates	☐ rarely shows initiative	□ occasionally initiates	□ often initiates
17. Stability	□ easily frustrated	□ seeks much attention	□ somewhat tense	□stable
18. Curiosity	□limited	□occasional	□ frequent	□consistent
19. Imagination	□little	□fair	□ active	□ highly developed
20. Integrity	questionable	□ usually trustworthy	□trustworthy	□ highly developed
21. Consideration of others	□ rarely considerate	□ usually considerate	□ considerate	□ extremely thoughtful
22. Social adjustment with peers	□ relates poorly	□ has occasional problems	□ usually relates well	□ healthy relationships
23. Sense of humor	□ rarely laughs or smiles	□fair	□good	□delightful
24. Self-confidence	□ needs much reassurance	e □ appears overly confident	∷ □ needs some support	□ positive self image
25. Parent participation in child's education	□ rarely involved	□ overly involved	□ sometimes involved	□ appropriately involved
26. Parent cooperation	□unknown	□uncooperative	□fair	□good
27. Parent expectations	□unknown	□unrealistic	□realistic	□ other
Teacher Signature		 Date		



Recommendation

WISESCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION DUE ON OR BEFORE January 31, 2014

INSTRUCTIONS 1	TO PARENTS				
	m is to be completed by t d give this form with the				
Applicant's Name				_ Candidate for (Grade
Administrator's Name					
School's Name		Te	lephone Number (()	
INSTRUCTIONS	TO ADMINISTRAT	OR			
This recommendation	should not be completed	l before December 2	2013.		
personal qualities, as w	dited elementary school co ell as your input on work h candidacy for admission.			•	
How long and in what	capacity have you know	n the applicant and	applicant's family	ı?	
Please write a brief pa	ragraph regarding this st	udent and his/her	family.		
Recommendation:	Not Recommended	Without Enthusiasm	Fairly Strongly	Strongly	Enthusiastically
Academic Potential					
Character and Personal Promise					
Overall					

COMMON RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR ADMINISTRATORS

APPLICANT'S NAME			
APPLICANT INFORMATION Academic Achievement	□ Excellent	□ Satisfactory	□ Unsatisfactory
Behavior/Conduct	□ Excellent	☐ Satisfactory	□ Unsatisfactory
Study Habits	□ Excellent	□ Satisfactory	☐ Unsatisfactory
Social Adjustment	□ Excellent	☐ Satisfactory	□ Unsatisfactory
FAMILY INFORMATION			
Communication with School	☐ Consistently	□ Usually	□ Rarely
Attendance at School Functions	□ Consistently	☐ Usually	□ Rarely
Supportive of School's Rules/Policies	\Box Consistently	☐ Usually	□ Rarely
Participation in Child's Education	\Box Consistently	\Box Usually	□ Rarely
Fulfillment of Financial Responsibilities	□ Consistently	☐ Usually	□ Rarely
Consideration for School's Faculty/Administration	□ Consistently	□ Usually	□ Rarely
This administrator recommendation is confidential . That	ınk you for your time on the applic	ant's behalf.	
□ Check here if you would like us to call you to disc	cuss this student in greater det	ail.	
Administrator's Signature	Date	Phone Number	

ADMISSION CHECKLIST

STEP	ONE: APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION Complete the Application for Admission in full. Include with the application: One recent 2x2 photograph of the applicant and one of each parent. Application fee of \$150 made payable to Stephen S. Wise Temple. Date mailed Application must be received by January 31, 2014
STEP	TWO: ADMISSION EVENTS Register for one of our open houses by returning the enclosed RSVP card, calling 310.889.2275, or by e-mailing BBehar@WiseElementary.org.
STEP	THREE: TEACHER RECOMMENDATION or PRESCHOOL TEACHER EVALUATION FORM Print the requested information on the form. Give the form and pre-addressed envelope to the applicant's CURRENT teacher. Date forms submitted to teacher
STEP	FOUR: ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION Print the requested information on the Administrator Recommendation Form. Give the form and the pre-addressed envelope to the applicant's Head of School or Principal. Date form submitted to administrator
STEP	FIVE: AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF STUDENT RECORDS Submit the Authorization for Release of Student Records Form with the pre-addressed envelope to an official at the applicant's current school. Official student records should be returned to us directly from your child's school. Date record release submitted Records must be received by January 31, 2014
STEP	 SIX: ISEE EXAM (For applicants to Grades 5 and 6 only) Complete the ISEE Registration Form listing Stephen S. Wise Temple Elementary School as a score recipient. Our school code is 054158. Mail the ISEE Registration Form and testing fee to: ISEE Operations Office, 423 Morris St., Durham, NC 27701 at least three weeks prior to the testing date or register online at www.iseetest.org. Date test taken
STEP	SEVEN: ASSESSMENT SCREENING Upon receipt of your child's application, you will receive a date and time for the student screening and parent interview.
STEP	EIGHT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, IF NEEDED If you wish to apply for financial aid, please visit our website at www.WiseElementary.org/FinancialAid to download the required forms.

Admission decision letters are mailed on Friday, March 14, 2014.



Note: Tuition and fees for the 2013-2014 academic year will be established in January 2014.

2013-2014 TUITION:

- Tuition for the current school year is \$22,080.
- There is a one-time new student fee of \$1,250.
- A non-refundable or non-transferable deposit of \$2,500 is required upon acceptance.
- The cost of Temple membership for the current year is \$4,415.
- Balance of membership is due December 31, 2013.
- Balance of tuition was due May 15, 2013.
- A twelve-month payment plan is available.
- Tuition Insurance is available for \$175.
 (It is mandatory if the twelve-month payment option is selected)
- There is a \$98/month deferred payment charge assessed for the twelve-month payment plan.

MEMBERSHIP:

One of the benefits of being a part of the Wise School community is being a part of the larger Stephen S. Wise Temple community. Membership provides full access to our Temple clergy for all of your lifecycle events, as well as opportunities to deepen your relationships with our clergy and other Temple members through our variety of programming for the entire family. To learn more about membership in Stephen S. Wise Temple, see the Temple's website (www.WiseLA.org), or contact Jennifer Smith, Membership Director, at JSmith@WiseLA.org.

ANNUAL GIVING:

As in many educational institutions, Wise School finds that tuition does not cover operating costs. Therefore, in response to many thoughtful comments, smaller School fundraisers have been eliminated, so that Annual Giving is now the only fundraising activity in which every family is expected to participate.

FINANCIAL AID:

If you wish to apply for financial aid, please visit our website at www.WiseElementary.org/FinancialAid to download the required forms.



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM (ISEE)

Applicants to Grades 5 and 6 at Wise School are required to take the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE). This test is a standardized exam designed to assess a student's academic achievement and is produced by the Educational Records Bureau (ERB).

The ISEE is a three-hour admission test for lower, middle, and upper level students. The lower level is for students applying to Grades 5 and 6, the middle level is for students applying to Grades 7 and 8, and the upper level is for applicants applying to Grades 9 through 12.

The test consists of several parts: verbal and quantitative reasoning, reading comprehension, mathematics achievement, and an essay section. The ISEE evaluates not only a student's level of reading, but also his or her ability to comprehend material drawn from the sciences and humanities.

There are two breaks incorporated into the test, so students should plan to bring a snack.

The complete ISEE Student Guide can be downloaded from the ERB website (www.iseetest.org) in a PDF format. You may register online at www.iseetest.org. A student may take the test only once during the admission process, and may not take the test for practice. The test must be taken during the school year for which the student is applying.

The ISEE will be administered at many independent schools in the Southern California area. Students can take the test at any of the test sites, as there will be no admission-related activities at that site on the day of the test. The test location chosen will in no way affect an admission decision and, therefore, should be chosen based on convenience.

We encourage students to register for the ISEE as early as possible because test sites fill up quickly – sometimes in advance of the close of the registration date. Wise School requires that ISEE results be received by January 31, 2014. Schools begin to offer the test in November. ISEE studies reveal that test scores are just as high for students who test in the fall as for those students who test in the winter.

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF STUDENT RECORDS

PARENTS:

- 1. PLEASE **COMPLETE** ITEMS **(A)** AND **(B)**.
- 2. PLEASE **SIGN** AND **DATE** ITEM **(C)**.
- 3. ONCE COMPLETED, THIS FORM WILL AUTHORIZE THE APPLICANT'S **CURRENT** SCHOOL TO FORWARD OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS TO WISE SCHOOL.
- 4. SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE APPLICANT'S **CURRENT** SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The following student has applied for admission to Wise School

Last		First
(B) Current Grade	Birth Date	
(C) I HEREBY GIVE PERMIS STUDENT'S TRANSCRI	SSION TO RELEASE COPIES OF TH PTS.	HE ABOVE-NAMED
Signature of Parent or Guar	dian	 Date

Submit to the applicant's current school:

- A signed copy of this form
- The "transcript enclosed" envelope (the school will return this to Wise School)

The applicant's current school should send the following to Wise School:

- One copy of the student's transcript at this time
- One copy of this year's first semester report card and any new standardized testing before January 31, 2014

Send to:

Office of Admission Wise School 15500 Stephen S. Wise Drive Los Angeles, CA 90077