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 Behar

Beth Behar
Director of Admission

WISE SCHOOL

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

DUE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2014

APPLICANT INFORMATION

To be completed by the applicant's parent or guardian

Please affix a recent photograph of the applicant.

Applying to enter Grade _____ in Fall 2014

Applicant's Name _____
First Middle Last

Preferred Name/Nickname _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
Month Day Year City State Zip

Applicant's Home Address _____
Street/Post Office Box

_____ Applicant's Home Phone (_____) _____
City State Zip Area Code

Applicant lives with: ☐ Parents ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Has the applicant previously applied to Wise School? ☐ Yes ☐ No Year of application _____ Grade _____

Please affix a recent photograph of parent 1

Please affix a recent photograph of parent 2

CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Applicant's Current School _____ Current Grade _____

School Head or Principal _____

School Address _____
Street City State Zip

School Phone (_____) _____ Check if: ☐ Public ☐ Private
Area Code

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received _____ Check # _____ M# _____ ID# _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

PARENT 1

Please circle:
Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr./Rabbi

_____
First Middle Last

Relationship: ☐ Father ☐ Stepfather
☐ Mother ☐ Stepmother
☐ Other (please specify)

_____

Home
Address _____
Street/Post Office Box

_____
City State Zip

Home Phone (_____) _____
Area Code

Cell Phone (_____) _____
Area Code

Number of years at this address _____

E-mail Address _____

Nation of Birth _____ Birthdate _____

Industry _____

Job Specialty _____

Occupation _____

Job Title _____

Business Address _____

_____

Business Phone (_____) _____
Area Code

Educational Background
School Degree/Subject Year of Graduation

_____

_____

PARENT 2

Please circle:
Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr./Rabbi

_____
First Middle Last

Relationship: ☐ Father ☐ Stepfather
☐ Mother ☐ Stepmother
☐ Other (please specify)

_____

Home
Address _____
Street/Post Office Box

_____
City State Zip

Home Phone (_____) _____
Area Code

Cell Phone (_____) _____
Area Code

Number of years at this address _____

E-mail Address _____

Nation of Birth _____ Birthdate _____

Industry _____

Job Specialty _____

Occupation _____

Job Title _____

Business Address _____

_____

Business Phone (_____) _____
Area Code

Educational Background
School Degree/Subject Year of Graduation

_____

_____

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Widowed ☐ Domestic Partner

Please Note: If parents live separately, admission correspondence and billing statements can only be sent to one address. Please indicate to which address you prefer all correspondence be sent.
☐ Parent 1 ☐ Parent 2 ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Address (if not listed above): _____

In the case of separation or divorce, it is necessary for the School to have the signatures of both natural parents.

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 attended Wise School _____

_____

_____

Primary language spoken at home _____ Additional languages spoken at home _____

FINANCIAL AID

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

PLEASE NOTE: If your child attends Wise School Temple membership is required.

APPLICANT'S PREVIOUS SCHOOLING

Please list all schools attended, and provide dates of attendance.

A. Preschools or Elementary School City and State Dates of Attendance

_____

_____

_____

_____

B. Religious/Hebrew School (If applicable) Temple/Synagogue Dates of Attendance

_____

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_____

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Is the applicant applying to any other school(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list school(s) _____

EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

My child excels at:

My child enjoys the following activities:

My child benefits from support in the following areas:

We welcome any additional comments that you might like to make about your child. A parental perspective helps us get to know each applicant more completely.

Please describe any special circumstances that may have affected the applicant's school experience in the past or may do so in the future.

APPLICATION DATES

Parents of applicants are advised to submit this application as soon as possible. The application deadline is Friday, January 31, 2014. This is not a postmark date, but rather the date the application must be received by the Office of Admission.

A non-refundable application fee of $150 must accompany this application. Please make checks payable to: Stephen S. Wise Temple.

Please sign here to indicate that all of the above information is complete and accurate.

Date _____ Signed _____

Parent or Legal Guardian of Applicant

No application will be processed until it is fully complete, with signature of parents or guardian, a recent photograph of each parent and applicant, and a non-refundable application fee of $150.

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.

WISE SCHOOL

CONFIDENTIAL PRESCHOOL TEACHER EVALUATION FORM

DUE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2014

INSTRUCTIONS TO PARENTS

Dear Parents: This form is to be completed by the applicant's **CURRENT** teacher. Please complete the information requested in the space below and give this form with the pre-addressed envelope to the appropriate person at your child's school.

Applicant's Name _____ Candidate for Grade _____

Teacher's Name _____

School's Name _____ Telephone Number (_____) _____

This recommendation should not be completed before December 2013.

Please send directly to requesting School

A consortium of schools has developed this form to better allow an open exchange of information about the student whose name appears above. Your completion of this evaluation is extremely helpful. It is important to all of us that the child's next school placement be an appropriate one for both the student and the family. We greatly appreciate you taking the time and effort to complete and return this form. Your insights and observations are important to all of us. Please know that the professional comments you share will be held in the strictest confidence and we thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

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				

Comments:

_____

_____

_____

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				

Do you feel that this child is ready for a full-time developmental Kindergarten program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

_____

_____

_____

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: _____ Type or print name: _____

Title or position: _____

How long have you known this child? _____ Telephone: _____

First date of child's enrollment in your school: _____ Today's date: _____

☐ Check here if you would like us to call you to discuss this student in greater detail

WISE SCHOOL

CONFIDENTIAL TEACHER RECOMMENDATION (FOR GRADES 1–6)

DUE ON OR BEFORE January 31, 2014

INSTRUCTIONS TO PARENTS

Dear Parents: This form is to be completed by the applicant's CURRENT teacher. Please complete the information requested in the space below and give this form with the pre-addressed envelope to the appropriate person at your child's school.

Applicant's Name _____ Candidate for Grade _____

Teacher's Name _____

School's Name _____ Telephone Number (_____) _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO TEACHER

This recommendation should not be completed before December 2013.

Wise School is an accredited elementary school committed to quality education. Your assessment of this student's academic and personal qualities, as well as your input on work habits, behavior, and respect for others, will provide valuable information as we consider the applicant's candidacy for admission.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant and applicant's family?

_____

_____

Please write a brief paragraph regarding this student and his/her family.

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Recommendation:	Not Recommended	Without Enthusiasm	Fairly Strongly	Strongly	Enthusiastically
Academic Potential	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Character and Personal Promise	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall Recommendation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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 difficulty	☐ 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 time	☐ usually uses well	☐ always uses effectively
10. Follows directions	☐ rarely	☐ needs much explanation	☐ 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	☐ 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

WISE SCHOOL

CONFIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION

DUE ON OR BEFORE January 31, 2014

INSTRUCTIONS TO PARENTS

Dear Parents: This form is to be completed by the applicant's **CURRENT** teacher. Please complete the information requested in the space below and give this form with the pre-addressed envelope to the appropriate person at your child's school.

Applicant's Name _____ Candidate for Grade _____

Teacher's Name _____

School's Name _____ Telephone Number (_____) _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO ADMINISTRATOR

This recommendation should not be completed before December 2013.

Wise School is an accredited elementary school committed to quality education. Your assessment of this student's academic and personal qualities, as well as your input on work habits, behavior, and respect for others, will provide valuable information as we consider the applicant's candidacy for admission.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant and applicant's family?

_____

_____

Please write a brief paragraph regarding this student and his/her family.

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

Recommendation:	Not Recommended	Without Enthusiasm	Fairly Strongly	Strongly	Enthusiastically
Academic Potential	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Character and Personal Promise	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall Recommendation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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	☐ Consistently	☐ Usually	☐ Rarely
Participation in Child's Education	☐ Consistently	☐ Usually	☐ Rarely
Fulfillment of Financial Responsibilities	☐ Consistently	☐ Usually	☐ Rarely
Consideration for School's Faculty/Administration	☐ Consistently	☐ Usually	☐ Rarely

This administrator recommendation is **confidential**. Thank you for your time on the applicant's behalf.

☐ Check here if you would like us to call you to discuss this student in greater detail.

_____

Administrator's Signature | Date | Phone Number

WISE SCHOOL

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 _____

Recommendations must be received by ***January 31, 2014***

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 _____

Recommendations must be received by ***January 31, 2014***

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 _____

ISEE scores should be received by our office no later than ***January 31, 2014***

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.

TUITION AND FEES

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.

WISE SCHOOL

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

(A) Applicant's Name _____
Last First

(B) Current Grade _____ Birth Date _____

(C) I HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION TO RELEASE COPIES OF THE ABOVE-NAMED STUDENT'S TRANSCRIPTS.

_____ _____
Signature of Parent or Guardian 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