

# The Watershed School



## Instruction Sheet

Thank you for considering the Watershed School. This application is designed to give us a sense of your academic achievements and your background and interests in and out of school. The essay portions of the application are designed to get to know a little about you as an individual and to give you a chance to let us know how you see the world from your particular vantage point. The open-ended questions do not have one “right answer,” as 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 truly optional. If you have additional information or examples of creative work that you would like to share with us, hand in the actual work or a representation of it with your application. Examples might 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. Please do not submit original work that you would like to keep, as we will not be able to return these to you.

Two of the three references should be filled out by someone that has worked with you in these specific subject areas in the last 3 years, one in Mathematics and one in English or History. Additional references from teachers outside these subject areas are welcome. Someone who knows you well but who is not a relative should complete the third personal reference form. Examples might include someone who knows you through a work setting or through a community project on which you have worked, a good friend, or a teacher of a discipline that you have studied outside of school such as dance, music, art, handwork or a craftsmanship skill.

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

### **Checklist:**

- Attend full day 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 (past 3 years)
- Formal Testing Results
- Interview with Admissions Committee
- Baseline Skills Survey (math & reading comprehension)
- \$50.00 Application Fee

The Watershed School does not discriminate on the basis of gender, religion, race or socioeconomic status and strives to build a community that celebrates diversity.

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## 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	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Separated		
Applicant Resides with:	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian #1 <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian#2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
Who has legal custody?	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian #1 <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian#2 <input type="checkbox"/> 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 \$10,500.00 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. Note: Financial aid is limited and no more than 30% reduction is available. Based on this information, do you wish to fill out financial aid forms?  
 If so, please check here. \_\_\_\_\_

**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 are you considering the Watershed School and why do you feel that this school is a good fit for your child?

Do you feel that your child will need any specific assistance to ensure his or her success while attending WS? Are there specific approaches that have worked in the past?

Please use this space for any other information you would like to share.

*Please send to: The Watershed School  
24 Lincoln St.  
Rockland, ME 04841  
If you have questions please contact the school 594-1873*

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## Student Information Sheet

### Applicant

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First Name	Middle	Last	Preferred Name or Nickname
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Home Address	Social Security Number
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City	State/Province/Country	Zip/Postal Code
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Date of Birth	Age	Male/Female	Country/Citizenship
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Phone Number	Fax Number	Email
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Current Grade	Entrance Grade	Year Proposed Entrance	Current School
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### **Current School**

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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. Please handwrite one or two paragraphs on lined paper.**

**Student Short Essays:**

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 Topics:**

**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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# The Watershed School



## Teacher Reference, English or History

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 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 use all three sides of this form to comment candidly on the applicant's intellectual ability and achievement. We are particularly interested in things such as: breadth and depth of reading, relationship between aptitude and performance, organization and concentration, attitude toward academic work, and ability to express ideas clearly in speech and writing. If you have had an opportunity to observe the candidate outside of class, please comment on such attributes as character, leadership, responsibility, and sociability. Your responses are appreciated and will be kept confidential.

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Thank you for your help.

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How long and in what capacities have you known this candidate? Courses taken?

What academic strengths and weaknesses have you noticed in the candidate?

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

Please describe the candidate's creative abilities.

How do you regard the candidate's social strengths and weaknesses? How does she/he interact in group activities?

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

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

**Comments:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to receive a Watershed School catalog, add address here:

City                      State                      Zip                      Email

Is this a \_\_\_ school address or a \_\_\_ home address?

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## Teacher Reference, Mathematics

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 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:

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Thank you for your help.

How long and in what capacities have you known this candidate? Courses taken?

What academic strengths and weaknesses have you noticed in the candidate?

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

Please describe the candidate's creative abilities.

How do you regard the candidate's social strengths and weaknesses? How does she/he interact in group activities?

How does the candidate respond to criticism?

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

What level of math proficiency has this student attained?



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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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Personal Reference \_\_\_\_\_

To the Individual completing this form:

Please use *both sides of this form* to comment candidly on the applicant's ability and character. Please include any information you may have that will help us predict this candidate's success in The Watershed School program. Your will be kept confidential.

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Thank you for your help.

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

Describe the candidate.

What qualities do you admire the most about this person?

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

How well do you feel you know him/her?

\_\_\_well \_\_\_fairly well \_\_\_not very well

**Comments:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Applicant?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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