



ISEE/SSAT Standardized Tests and Common Kindergarten Assessments

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In keeping with San Domenico's mission of inclusivity, it is paramount to us to provide an accessible and equitable admissions experience for all of our applicants. The COVID-19 global pandemic has changed our society in a way that no one could have ever thought possible; it has uprooted normalcy and encouraged us all to find new and creative ways to engage with each other. As the oldest independent school in California, and with three pandemics under our belt, our deep-rooted history has instilled in us a spirit of resiliency and reminds us that we must adapt to best serve the needs of our students. To this end, we are working tirelessly to ensure that our admissions process is equitable, fair, and gives every child what we believe they deserve: a chance.

In our mission to safeguard our community, including prospective students, **San Domenico is waiving the standardized ISEE and SSAT testing requirement for our Middle School and High School applicants applying for the 2021-2022 school year.** The decision to make test scores optional recognizes inequitable access to testing and uncertain at-home test options for students. If test scores are submitted, **scores will not be considered a factor in admission decisions.** We will continue our standard of evaluating each applicant thoroughly, and enrolling students who reflect our diverse community.

For our youngest applicants--our students applying to Kindergarten--we are excited to share that **San Domenico has joined a consortium of Bay Area schools who will participate in a Common Kindergarten Screening.** This decision is in service to our youngest applicants and prioritizes their health, safety, and comfort during these challenging times. The common Kindergarten screening eliminates the need for multiple assessments and allows San Domenico applicants to sit for their screening one time only, in the comfort of their own home; this in-home assessment will fulfill the Kindergarten assessment requirement for those schools that have committed to this Common Screening tool. **We will follow up with more details as the screening becomes available later in our admissions season.**

Be well and stay safe,

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