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## Thank you for your interest in Buxton!

As you may have already noticed, we like to do things a little bit differently here. This sheet and the checklists on the back will help you understand the Buxton application process—what you need to do and when you need to do it. Keep in mind that what we really want is to get to know you as well as possible. Hopefully this process will allow us to do just that.

## Visiting Buxton

There are several opportunities to visit Buxton over the course of the year, including Open Houses in the fall and spring and other admissions events throughout the academic year. To inquire about or attend any of these events, please call the Admissions Office. You can also schedule a personal visit and tour at any time—most people combine this visit with their admissions interview.

## The Interview

At Buxton, a personal admissions interview is a necessary part of the application process. We feel that the best way for us to get to know you—and for you to get to know us—is through mutual exchange and contact. When you come for your appointment, you will have the opportunity to tour the campus, meet with students, visit classes, and have an interview—a relaxed conversation with a faculty member of the school. (And in case you're wondering, we interview students and parents separately on the same day.)

A Skype or phone interview is an option for students who live at a great distance.

## U.S. Applicants

Buxton School accepts students from the U.S. into the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes each year. In rare cases, we will consider an applicant for the senior year. Please contact us if you are interested in this option.

## International Applicants

Buxton School welcomes international students to come for one, two, three, or four years. Although we mainstream international students into the regular classes and community at Buxton, we also offer a comprehensive ESL program, TOEFL preparation, and one-on-one ESL tutoring. For more about applying from abroad, please see the checklist on the back of this page.

## Applying to Buxton

**All application and financial aid materials should be received by February 1.** We will mail our decision letters by March 10 and will need to hear back from you by April 10. We also offer an early-notification option—for more information about this, please contact us. After the February deadline, applications will be acted upon on a rolling basis if space is available.

## Tuition

Tuition for the 2011-2012 academic year is \$45,500 for a boarding student and \$28,000 for a day student. This fee covers room and board and academic study, plus basic materials for courses, lab fees, field trips, tickets to approved cultural events, athletics (including ski pass), and programs and activities held on campus.

## Financial Aid

Financial aid is granted on the basis of demonstrated need and fit. Information and applications are available upon request. We can mail them to you or you can pick them up at the time of your interview. **The deadline for financial aid applications is February 1.** Admissions decisions are made independent of financial aid decisions—you will hear about them in separate letters. Buxton School also works with a variety of financial institutions to provide flexible choices for funding a student's education. Please check our website or call the business office for further information on these options.

## ➡ Checklist for U.S. Students

*Here is a list of everything we will need from you before we can consider your application:*

- A visit to the campus and a personal interview
- Your completed application
- Official transcripts from your current school (at least the last two years)  
Please contact your school to have these records sent to Buxton.
- Two letters of recommendation (forms enclosed) from teachers who know you well
- Your most recent SSAT scores
- A \$50.00 application fee
- Optional: Feel free to include any supplemental materials that will help us come to know you better—samples of your creative writing, drawing, painting, sculpture, or photography; photos of other artwork; CDs, DVDs, or tapes of musical, theatrical, or dance performances; and/or math or science projects or reports.

## ➡ Checklist for International Students

*Here is a list of everything we will need from you before we can consider your application:*

- An in-person interview is preferred; a Skype or phone interview can be arranged. Please contact us for more information.
- Your completed application
- Official transcripts from your current school (at least the last two years)  
Please contact your school to have these records sent to Buxton.
- Two letters of recommendation (forms enclosed) from teachers who know you well—one should be an English teacher or someone who can evaluate your written and spoken proficiency in the English language
- Your most recent achievement test scores, if available  
(i.e. SSAT, SLEP, TOEFL, etc.)
- A US\$100 application fee
- Optional: Feel free to include any supplemental materials that will help us come to know you better—samples of your creative writing, drawing, painting, sculpture, or photography; photos of other artwork; CDs, DVDs, or tapes of musical, theatrical, or dance performances; and/or math or science projects or reports.

# Buxton School Student Application Form

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## Your Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
p.o. box / street town / city state / province zip

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Year of proposed entrance: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please specify either September or January)

I am interested in the early-notification option.

## Family Information

### PARENT/GUARDIAN

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
p.o. box / street town / city state / province zip

Business address: \_\_\_\_\_  
p.o. box / street town / city state / province zip

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please indicate which you would prefer us to use)

### PARENT/GUARDIAN

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Business address: \_\_\_\_\_  
p.o. box / street town / city state / province zip

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please indicate which you would prefer us to use)

If parents are divorced or separated, who has legal custody of the student? \_\_\_\_\_

Who does the student live with? \_\_\_\_\_

Where should materials be sent? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying for financial aid? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If you plan to apply for aid, please request financial aid information from the Admissions Office.



## More About You

What subject(s) would you like to take at Buxton next year? \_\_\_\_\_

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What subject(s) do you like best and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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What subject(s) do you wish you did not have to take and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Tell us about an academic experience or accomplishment you found particularly meaningful and why. \_\_\_\_\_

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Tell us about creative work you have done. This can include work in academic as well as artistic areas. \_\_\_\_\_

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Tell us about any artistic endeavors of which you are particularly proud. \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your favorite extracurricular activities and/or hobbies? Why do you enjoy them? \_\_\_\_\_

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What sport(s) do you enjoy most and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you like hiking and outdoor life? If so, what features of them especially appeal to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you like to read? What have you read recently that you've found compelling and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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