

Frequently Asked Questions about Aim High



What does Aim High cost? Nothing! Aim High is free (including food and supplies).

Where is Aim High? Aim High sites are in San Francisco, Oakland, Redwood City and East Palo Alto. On the application, you'll see a full list of the sites in your area. When applying in San Francisco, be sure to rank your TOP 3 campuses choices!

When is Aim High? Aim High runs for 5 weeks: June 28th through July 30th, 2010. We start at 8am and go to 3:15pm, Monday through Friday. We are closed on July 5th for the holiday.

Does Aim High offer transportation or after-school care? No. Families must arrange for students to be picked up at 3:15.

Can I miss some days for my family vacation? Students benefit most when they attend every day, so we expect 100% attendance for all 5 weeks. Students who miss more than 1 day of Aim High may be asked to leave, so please plan vacations, appointments, and other events accordingly.

Who can apply to Aim High? Aim High accepts applications from students who are currently in 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade; most of the new students we accept are in 6th or 7th. Students from any Bay Area city or school may apply to attend at any site.

If I get in, how many summers can I participate in Aim High? Once you are accepted to Aim High, you can participate every summer until you begin 9th grade. Most students participate for 3 summers (after 6th, 7th and 8th grade).

What does a typical day at Aim High look like? In the morning, students take four classes - Math, Science, Humanities and Issues & Choices – and participate in a short advisory (small-group activity) or assembly (large-group activity). After lunch, students may choose from activities like soccer, cooking, or art, or attend an all-campus event or field trip.

What are the teachers and classes like? Really fun! Classes are small and teachers work together with high school or college students to lead lessons. Most of the time, students work together on games, hands-on projects and interactive discussions.

Is there homework? Do you get graded? Most Aim High classes give some homework, though it's less than regular school. Aim High students don't get grades. At the end of the summer, you'll receive a written evaluation from each of your teachers.

Does every applicant get accepted into the program? Unfortunately, not everybody is accepted to Aim High. Last year we only had enough spaces to accept about half of new applicants. Once accepted, you will not need to re-apply for the next summer.

How do you select students? We consider your short answers and essay questions very carefully, along with demographic information like your neighborhood, your current middle school, your family income and your parent/guardian's level of education. It is VERY important to fill out your application completely, thoughtfully and honestly if you want to attend Aim High!

How do you apply? Fill out the attached application and mail it in, or apply online at www.aimhigh.org.

When do I apply? You may submit an application until our deadline on April 16th. Aim High is NOT first-come, first-served. All applications received before the deadline will be considered equally. Decisions letters will be mailed by May 1st.

What do I do if I don't get in, or don't get the site I wanted? All admission decisions – including site assignment - are final.

Need more information? Go to our website at www.aimhigh.org