



## Application Checklist Grades 1-8

### **Form 1 Application for Admission**

This form is to be completed by the applicant's parent or guardian and returned to the Rockwern Academy Registrar as soon as possible to begin the admission process. **Please include the non-refundable \$50 application fee with their application packet. This can also be made online at [rockwernacademy.org](http://rockwernacademy.org).**

### **Form 2 Parent/Guardian Questionnaire**

This form is to be completed by the parent or guardian.

### **Form 3a Teacher Recommendation**

(For applicants to grades 1-5)

This form is only for applicants to grades 1-5. Please complete the top section, sign the release, and give this form to your child's current teacher. The teacher will send the completed form directly to Rockwern Academy with any teacher evaluations or narratives attached.

or

### **Form 3b Student Questionnaire**

(For applicants to grades 6-8)

This form is only for applicants to Grades 6-8. This form should be completed by the student applicant.

### **Form 4 Release of Records**

(For all applicants)

This form should be signed by a parent/guardian and given to the applicant's school office, if applicable. Rockwern Academy requires that the Official School transcript be sent directly from your current school to Rockwern Academy, including the current year's grades-to-date and a transcript showing the past two years of grades and standardized test scores.

### **For applicants to grades 6-8**

Print the applicant's name and grade at the top as well as the parents'/guardians names, and give the appropriate form to the applicant's Principal or Counselor, English teacher, and Math teacher. These forms should be sent directly from the teacher to Rockwern Academy.

### **Form 5 Principal/Counselor Recommendation**

### **Form 6 English Teacher Recommendation**

### **Form 7 Math Teacher Recommendation**

### **Admission Testing**

#### **Applicants to Grades 1-8:**

The interview and assessment will be scheduled within one week of the application submission.

### **Tuition Grant & Financial Assistance Program**

Priority is given to applications received prior to January 29, 2018, and is awarded based on availability after that date. Further information on how to apply will accompany a contract once admission is extended.



## Application Procedures Grades 1-8

### General Information

Welcome to Rockwern Academy! On behalf of the entire school community, we want to thank you for your interest and look forward to being your partners in the admissions process. Rockwern serves children from toddlers through 8th grade, and is a warm and welcoming place that nourishes the whole child, laying the foundation for a lifetime of learning, compassion, curiosity and personal growth.

The aim of the admissions process is to gather a comprehensive picture of your child and to assess how he or she would succeed at Rockwern. To do this well, we seek information from you, from our observations of your child, and if applicable, from your child's current pre-school.

Rockwern Academy is a Jewish community day school, serving families from across the spectrum of Jewish life in Greater Cincinnati. We hope that your child will be a part of our joyful community of learners and leaders!

### Requirements

Grade 1: Children applying for this class must reach their 6th birthday by September 30, 2018.

Grade 2: Children applying for this class must reach their 7th birthday by September 30, 2018.

Grade 3: Children applying for this class must reach their 8th birthday by September 30, 2018.

Grade 4: Children applying for this class must reach their 9th birthday by September 30, 2018.

Grade 5: Children applying for this class must reach their 10th birthday by September 30, 2018.

Grade 6: Children applying for this class must reach their 11th birthday by September 30, 2018.

Grade 7: Children applying for this class must reach their 12th birthday by September 30, 2018.

Grade 8: Children applying for this class must reach their 13th birthday by September 30, 2018.

### Admission Dates

Admission Decision Type	Application due no later than	Admission notification no later than	Enrollment response date
<b>Early Decision</b>	December 1, 2017	January 15, 2018	January 29, 2018
<b>Regular Decision</b>	January 29, 2018	March 12, 2018	March 26, 2018

### Visiting the Campus & Assessments

Prospective students in grades 1-5 are invited to spend time in a classroom after all the application forms have been submitted and reviewed. During their visit, your child will meet with the School Counselor and Speech and Language Pathologist. The School Counselor may observe the applicant in a classroom setting when a class visit occurs. Applicants also meet with the Speech/Language Pathologist, who will administer a CELF-5 (Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals) Screening Tool.

If concerns arise, a full speech/language evaluation will be done. In addition, the applicant's prospective math teacher may administer a grade-appropriate math assessment screening. If an applicant's former school used NWEA MAP testing, recent MAP scores will be considered for placement purposes as well.

Either during this morning visit or at another scheduled time, we invite you to join us in a conversation about your child. Once we have received your completed application packet, the Director of Admissions will reach out to schedule these opportunities.

Prospective students in grades 6-8 who are interested in learning more about the middle school can spend a full day shadowing a current student. Visits should be scheduled through the Director of Admissions & Outreach at least one week in advance.

**Tuition Grant & Financial Assistance Program** Rockwern Academy has an unwavering commitment to admitting a diverse population of highly qualified students. This goal implies a commitment to substantial financial aid as well. Through the generosity of The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, and our many supporters, Rockwern Academy is able to offer generous financial assistance to qualifying families.

The financial aid process is handled separately and confidentially, only after an applicant has been accepted to Rockwern Academy. All families are expected to participate in tuition payment and to supporting the school to the fullest extent possible. In order to be considered to financial aid, we strongly encourage you to apply as early as possible. Financial aid availability is limited after the Regular Decision deadline of January 29, 2018.



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**GRADES 1 - 8**

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**ACADEMIC YEAR**

**2018 – 2019**

**STUDENT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INCOMING GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_



### Child's Information

Applicant's full legal name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Does the child have a Hebrew Name? If so, please share it here \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male Female

Applicant's mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ With whom does the student reside? \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant Information

#### Parent/Guardian A

\_\_\_\_\_ Title First Middle Initial Last

Relation to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (if different from child) \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Jewish \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

#### Other Parent/Guardian C

\_\_\_\_\_ Title First Middle Initial Last

Relation to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (if different from child) \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Jewish \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

#### Parent/Guardian B

\_\_\_\_\_ Title First Middle Initial Last

Relation to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (if different from child) \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Jewish \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

#### Other Parent/Guardian D

\_\_\_\_\_ Title First Middle Initial Last

Relation to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (if different from child) \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Jewish \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

## Sibling information

Name	Gender	Age	School / College	Rockwern Academy Applicant (Y / N)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## School information

Current School \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade \_\_\_\_\_

Dates attended \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

Previous School (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

## Alumni/ae Information

Relatives who attend/have attended Yavneh Day School/Rockwern Academy	Years attended	Relationship to Applicant
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I am interested in:

- Early Morning Drop-in**  
(7:00-8:00 A.M. M-F)
  
- After School Enrichment Program**  
(3:30-6:00 P.M. M-Th, 3:30-5:00 P.M. F)

**Please submit the non-refundable \$50 application fee online or by check, made payable to Rockwern Academy.**

It is the policy of Rockwern Academy that all information received regarding a candidate's application for admission is kept confidential. Only authorized school personnel have access to this information and only to the extent that it is relevant to admission and placement decisions. This information will not become part of the applicant's permanent record. By entering into this application process, it is agreed that these records are confidential and will not be released.

The signature below indicates that all information contained on the application is factually correct, complete, and honestly presented. The signature also verifies that the signer is the applicant's legal guardian and is responsible for decisions involving the applicant's education.

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Rockwern Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation in the administration of its education policies or financial aid program

**Please submit to the Rockwern Academy Registrar using one of the following methods:**

Email a scanned copy to: [admissions@rockwernacademy.org](mailto:admissions@rockwernacademy.org)  
*Applications may be accessed and digitally completed at [www.rockwernacademy.org](http://www.rockwernacademy.org)*



## Form 2: Parent/Guardian Questionnaire Grades 1-8

### Applicant Information

Child's full legal name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Parent or guardian name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**To the parent/guardian: Please answer the following questions to help us better understand and serve your child. You are welcome to use additional paper. Your answers will be confidential and viewed only by the Admissions Team.**

#### **Mission Statement of Rockwern Academy**

Rockwern Academy serves its students and the community by promoting a culture of academic excellence, developing a strong Jewish identity, and actively pursuing Tikkun Olam (making a difference in the lives of others).

**1** With the Rockwern Academy Mission Statement in mind, please tell us why you believe our school is a good fit for your child.

**2** Please share a memorable moment you experienced with your child that provides insight into his/her personality.

3 Using specific examples, please describe your child's current interests.

4 Please share an example of a time you partnered with your child's current school (if applicable).

5 What new strengths and skills do you hope your child will develop in the coming school year?

The signature below indicates that all the information contained on the application forms is factually correct, complete, and honestly presented. The parent/guardian signature also verifies that the signer is the applicant's legal guardian and is responsible for decisions involving the applicant's education.

Parent name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Form 3a: Teacher Recommendation

### Incoming Grades 1-5

#### To the Parent/Guardian:

Please complete this section and then give this form to your **child's current teacher**. Please be sure your child's current teacher returns this form directly to Rockwern Academy **within one week**.

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ has applied for admission to Rockwern Academy for grade \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent or guardian name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please read the following statement and sign below:

*I understand that this recommendation is confidential and will not be seen by any parties other than Rockwern Academy Admission Administrative Staff. I also understand that at no time will I, nor any members of my family, have access to this recommendation.*

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### To the Teacher:

Please share your insights regarding this child. Your input will be a great help to us. We sincerely thank you for your time and assistance.

Please comment on the following:

1. Academic strengths:

2. Academic challenges:

3. Student's interests:

4. What is important for us to understand about this child?

Please evaluate the student in the following categories as demonstrated in your classroom:

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	Comments
<b>Study Habits/Behavior</b>					
Follows direction					
Listens with focus and attention					
Organizes time and materials					
Completes homework on time					
High quality of homework					
Works well independently					
Works well in groups					
Contributes to class discussions					
Shows persistent effort					
Shows enthusiasm for learning					

<b>Social Behavior</b>	Yes	No	Comments
Child is comfortable with peer group			
Child has established friendships			
Child initiates social activity			
Child is reticent but receptive to the overtures of others			
Child seems content with his/her level of peer involvement			
Child demonstrates age-appropriate interests			
Child responds well to constructive criticism			
Child is teased by others			
Child teases others			
Child prefers adults to same-age peer groups			
Child shows a sense of humor			
Child is withdrawn			

**Descriptive Checklist**

Please circle all of the words that you feel describe this child:

- |            |                    |                 |           |             |              |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Adaptable  | Easily distracted  | Cheerful        | Resilient | Distracting | Withdrawn    |
| Persistent | Self-disciplined   | Confident       | Impulsive | Talkative   | Helpful      |
| Fearful    | Intimidates others | Positive leader | Tense     | Inquisitive | Other: _____ |

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time acquainted with applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Classes taught to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ School address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

School email \_\_\_\_\_ School phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Form 4: Release of Records** **For Incoming Grade 1 – Grade 8 Applicants**

### **To the Parent/Guardian:**

Please sign and complete this Release of Records form and submit it to your child's present school. Your signature authorizes the release of information to Rockwern Academy.

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ has applied for admission to Rockwern Academy for grade \_\_\_\_.

Parent or guardian name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for you to exchange information with Rockwern Academy concerning my child for admission purposes.

I hereby authorize the release of my child's school transcript and records to Rockwern Academy.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **To the School:**

It is the policy of Rockwern Academy that all information received regarding a candidate's application for admission is kept confidential. Only authorized school personnel have access to this information and only to the extent it is relevant to admission and placement decisions.

Please send the following items directly to Rockwern Academy within one week:

- Official grade report and comments from the current school year, to date
- Results of standard achievement and/or aptitude tests.
- Confidential school records, including psychological-educational testing and assessment, attendance records, Individual Education Plans (IEP), and disciplinary actions, if applicable.

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