



Natomas Charter School

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January 3, 2012

Dear Prospective Leading Edge Parent:

Thank you for your interest in Natomas Charter School's Leading Edge Academy. If accepted, your child will be part of a program that expects high standards of self-discipline in the areas of academics, behavior and attendance. Acceptance into the Leading Edge Academy is a three-year commitment in which students will be involved in a seven-subject course load, must maintain an acceptable grade point average, and are required to participate in community service and job-shadowing experiences. In addition, families are required to contribute a minimum of 30 volunteer hours of service to the school each year, and commit to the ongoing development and implementation of the student's academic portfolio. In return, the Leading Edge will provide a safe, supportive learning environment, an exciting and challenging curriculum, and an outstanding faculty and staff.

We would like to invite you to learn more about the Leading Edge Middle School. Visitation Day is February 2, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the gymnasium. Your visit will begin with an overview of the Leading Edge program. You will have an opportunity to chat and ask questions, tour the campus, visit classrooms, and talk to teachers and students. Families unable to attend during the day have the opportunity to attend an evening information meeting on February 2nd, at 5:30 p.m. in the Natomas Charter School Media Center. In the meantime, you are encouraged to visit our website often at <http://le.natomascharter.org> for updates and announcements.

Following this letter is an application packet. **A parent or guardian must return the completed application in its entirety by February 29, 2012 in order for your child to be officially considered for enrollment. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Should there be more applications submitted than the program's established capacity for the 2012-13 school year, a random public lottery will be held on March 22, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in the Natomas Charter School Media Center. For a copy of our Lottery Policy and preferences, please visit <http://le.natomascharter.org/content/application-preferences>.**

Please note, all students accepted through the lottery process will be required to take a math and writing assessment on May 8th or 9th at 3:00 p.m. in the Natomas Charter School Multi-Purpose Room. The assessment will aid teachers in planning appropriate curriculum for the incoming students.

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The Following Guidelines Apply to the Application Process:

- By law, all Natomas Charter School applicants are accepted by a public random drawing.
- The lottery drawing will be held on March 22, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
- Applicants not selected for enrollment in the lottery will be assigned an order number for the “Waitlist.”
- Results of the lottery drawing will be posted on the Leading Edge website March 30, 2012.
- It is the responsibility of the guardian/parent to **notify Natomas Charter School of preferences that apply to the applicant and to provide verification of each preference.**

Should your child not be accepted this school year and would like to reapply for the following school year, you will need to submit a completed addendum available on our website at <http://le.natomascharter.org/content/application-form> or from the main office between January 2, 2012 and February 29, 2012.

Thank you again for your interest in the Leading Edge Academy. We look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

Kit Rich
Coordinator
Leading Edge Academy



Natomas Charter School Leading Edge Academy

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APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Date of Application _____ Grade level when applicant will be attending _____

Date of Birth _____ Male Female

Student's Name _____
Last First M.I.

Parent/Guardian _____
Last First M.I.

Permanent Address _____
Number Street Apt. #

_____ City State Zip Code

Phone Numbers (____) _____ (____) _____
Home Work Check One: Mother Father Other

(____) _____ Email Address: _____
Cell Check One: Mother Father Other

Name and Address of Current School _____

Natomas Charter School follows a lottery policy that gives preference to students who meet the following criteria. Please check all that apply: (Note: Proof of ALL preference(s) are required)

- Applicant resides in the Natomas Unified School District "NUSD" (proof of residency required). Preference #10
- Applicant is a child of a full time NCS employee and/or current or former NCS Board of Directors member or elected Advisor to the Board. Preference #2
- Applicant resides in the NUSD and is a sibling of a student who currently attends the Leading Edge Academy. Preference #4
- Applicant resides in the NUSD, is a student enrolled in another NCS program, and successfully completed the previous year in that program. Preference #7
- Applicant resides in the NUSD and is a sibling of a student who currently attends any other NCS program. Preference #5
- Applicant resides in the NUSD and is a sibling or child of an alumnus from the Leading Edge Academy. Preference #6
- Applicant resides in the NUSD and is a sibling or child of an alumnus from any other NCS program. Preference #8
- Applicant resides in the NUSD and is on the Leading Edge Waitlist from the previous year. Preference #9

I. STUDENTS ONLY:

A. State the reasons you wish to enroll in the Leading Edge Academy:

B. What specific aspects of the Leading Edge Academy interest you most?

C. As a student, what kinds of things will you do to be successful in this program?

Student Signature _____

Date _____

II. PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

A. How did you first learn or hear about Natomas Charter School's Leading Edge Academy?

B. Please state the reasons you wish to enroll your child in the program:

C. What specific aspects of the Leading Edge Academy interest you most?

D. As a parent, what kinds of things will you do to ensure that your child will be successful in this program?

E. The success of this unique program is dependent upon parent support and active participation in the various components of the Leading Edge Academy. Parent commitments include: attending conferences and meetings, transportation needs including to and from Job Shadowing sites, and ensuring that your child completes all academic course work. **(Charter School parents are required to contribute a minimum of 30 hours of volunteer service per year).**

Are you willing to commit to the above if your child is enrolled in this program? Yes No

F. The Leading Edge Academy offers a hands-on approach to learning, including participation at the Natomas Racquet Club, Community Service Programs, and field trips that result in above average costs.

Are you willing and able to contribute \$20.00 per month to help offset costs? Yes No

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST BE PRESENTED IN PERSON BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED A QUALIFIED APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT. PLEASE NOTE: Incomplete applications will be returned and will only be accepted when fully complete.

FORMS PROVIDED: (For Office Staff Use)

- _____ All questions on application complete
- _____ Application signed by both parent and student
- _____ Student Essay
- _____ Recommendation Form
- _____ Home Language Survey
- _____ Instructional Programs Form
- _____ CUM Request Card
- _____ Three-Way Learning Contract

ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUIRED: (For Office Staff Use)

- _____ Copy of birth certificate
- _____ Copy of immunization record
- _____ Report Card (**most recent copy**)
- _____ Verification of address
(**copy of current SMUD, PG&E or SBC bills ONLY**)
- _____ Proof of all preferences
- _____ Please include a copy of your student's IEP or 504 plan if applicable

**Natomas Charter School
Special Education Instruction and Services for Students**

The Natomas Charter School (NCS) operates as a public school of the Natomas Unified School District (NUSD) for all special education purposes. Eligible students enrolled in NCS shall receive special education services in accordance with their individualized education plans (IEP) and in the same manner as any other student enrolled in NUSD. NUSD, as the local education agency (LEA) for special education purposes, offers a full continuum of special education instruction and related services to ensure that all students receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE). NUSD is responsible for implementing IEPs for NCS students and will do so on site at NCS to the extent that is appropriate and available. As with other school sites in NUSD, not all special education programs, placements, and services on the continuum of options is offered at the NCS site. Therefore, a NCS student who is eligible for special education may need to be placed and/or served by NUSD at another NUSD school site or as otherwise arranged by NUSD in accordance with the student's IEP and the policies of NUSD and the Sacramento County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA).

If you should have any questions regarding this topic, please contact the NCS Program Coordinator or the NUSD's Director of Special Education.

The Natomas Charter School shall be nonsectarian in all programs, admissions policies, employment practices, and all other operations, shall not charge tuition, and shall not discriminate against any pupil on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, gender or disability.

I have read and understand this application and verify that all information provided is true and correct.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

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LEADING EDGE ACADEMY
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Deb Lewis, Secretary



Natomas Charter School Leading Edge Academy

Recommendation Form

***Please print this form and have your current teacher or instructor complete it.
Your teacher may return it to Charter by fax, email or mail if they prefer.***

Student, _____ is requesting a recommendation for Natomas Charter School's Leading Edge Academy.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

Please indicate by placing a check mark in the appropriate column your confidential rating of the following qualities:

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average
Personality				
Energy & Enthusiasm				
Standing with Peers				
Standing with Teachers				
Maturity Level				

I would qualify the applicant as:

Upper 10% Above Average Average Below Average

Comments:

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

Signature _____

To maintain confidentiality, you may email this recommendation to dlewis@natomascharter.org, send it through district mail attention Deb Lewis, or fax it to (916) 928-5333. As a courtesy, please inform the family when it has been sent.

12-13 Natomas Charter School - Instructional Programs

Student is enrolling in (check one below):

Leading Edge Performing & Fine Arts Academy I.L.P. P.A.C.T.

Student's Name _____

Last

First

My son/daughter has never been enrolled in any type of special program

Please complete the following if your child has been enrolled in any type of special program:

Birthdate ____/____/____

Grade Level _____

Social Security Number: _____ Home Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

First

Last

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

My child has been enrolled in: (check all that apply)

Special Education*

- Resource Specialist Program (RSP) and Individual and Small Group Instruction (ISGI)
- Special Day Class (SDC)
- Speech and Language (DIS)

Accommodations

- 504 Plan

Other Programs

- Gifted and Talented (GATE)
- English as a Second Language (ESL) or English Language Development (ELD)
- Other: _____

*If you checked either a **Special Education** program or **GATE**, we will need your permission to request your child's confidential records from his/her previous school district. These records are needed in order to determine appropriate services for your child in our district.

Please complete the following information and sign below.

I request and authorize you to forward the confidential records of my child.

Previous School _____ Previous District _____

City _____ State _____ Telephone _____ Fax _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Please forward Special Education records to : Natomas Unified School District, Special Education Office
1901 Arena Blvd., Sacramento, Ca. 95834
Phone: (916) 567-5434 Fax: (916) 567-5441

Please forward all records to: Natomas Charter School
4600 Blackrock Drive, Sacramento CA 95835
Phone: (916) 928-5353 Fax: (916) 928-5333

REQUEST FOR CALIFORNIA CUMULATIVE RECORD

(Please Complete the Line Below Only)

PUPIL'S LAST NAME FIRST INITIAL DATE OF BIRTH

THIS PUPIL IS NOW ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL NAMED BELOW. PLEASE SEND COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT PUPIL BY FORWARDING HIS/HER CUMULATIVE RECORD OR SIMILAR RECORD FOLDER OR A COPY THEREOF, INCLUDING A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF THE WORK DONE AT YOUR SCHOOL.

Natomas Charter School
LEADING EDGE ACADEMY
4600 Blackrock Drive
Sacramento, CA 95835

(for school staff only)

Record Sent By:

Date

FROM:
NATOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL
4600 BLACKROCK DRIVE
SACRAMENTO, CA 95835

(for school staff only)

TO:

Natomas Charter School Leading Edge Academy

Three-Way Learning Contract

Student	Parent	School
<p>Academic Achievement</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will work to the best of my ability at all times. 2. I will have in class the necessary tools for learning. 3. I will participate in developing and implementing my DEP (Differential Education Plan). 4. I will carry out community learning experiences with enthusiasm and maturity. <p>Attendance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will attend school every day, unless I am ill. 2. I will come to school on time, rested and ready to learn. <p>Citizenship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will adhere to the principles of the Charter School philosophy. 2. I will know and follow district, school and classroom rules. 3. I will respect the rights of others at all times. <p>Homework</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will set aside time each day after school to review what I have learned. 2. I will complete (neatly, accurately, and on time) all assigned homework. <p>Parent Involvement</p> <p>OUR FAMILY WILL CONTRIBUTE 30 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TIME TO THE SCHOOL AND ITS PROGRAMS. I UNDERSTAND THAT SHOULD WE FAIL TO MEET THIS STANDARD, OUR CONTRACT MAY BE REVOKED.</p>	<p>Academic Achievement</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will encourage and support my child's efforts to learn. 2. I will maintain contact with the school and teachers. 3. I will review my child's progress on the PowerSchool website weekly. 4. I will stay aware of my child's assignment and project due dates by checking his/her agenda and the Homework pages on the Leading Edge website each Monday. <p>Attendance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will assume responsibility for the regular and prompt attendance of my child. 2. I will make sure my child gets adequate rest each night. 3. I WILL NOT schedule extended weekends or vacation which would cause my child to miss school. <p>Citizenship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will know and support the Charter School philosophy. 2. I will know and support district, school, and classroom rules for acceptable behavior. 3. I will send my child to school with instructions to pay attention in class and be respectful at all times. <p>Homework</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will provide a quiet time and place for study. 2. I will check my child's school agenda and website to make sure he/she has completed all assigned homework. <p>Parent Involvement</p> <p>OUR FAMILY WILL CONTRIBUTE 30 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TIME TO THE SCHOOL AND ITS PROGRAMS. I UNDERSTAND THAT SHOULD WE FAIL TO MEET THIS STANDARD, OUR CONTRACT MAY BE REVOKED.</p>	<p>Academic Achievement</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will encourage the student to do his/her best work. 2. We will serve as a good example through our enthusiasm for teaching and learning. 3. We will evaluate student progress and report to the student and parent at regular intervals. 4. We will assist and support each student in developing and implementing his/her DEP. <p>Attendance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will motivate good attendance through high-quality instruction, incentives, and positive communication with the student. <p>Citizenship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will adhere to the principles of the Charter School philosophy. 2. We will have written classroom rules and will discuss them with parents and students the first week of school. 3. We will enforce all rules fairly and firmly. 4. We will maintain an attractive and well-managed classroom, conducive to good student behavior and learning. <p>Homework</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will provide homework designed to reinforce what has been taught in class. 2. We will provide student and parent with written information about our homework assignments and due dates.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

Signature of Staff

Date