

Reader Comment on "Insider's Perspective"

Description

We pulled from this from a reader comment on the post, "An Insider's Perspective On Private Elementary School Admissions" (7/14/10)

Anonymous said:

I just bought your book and finished it really quickly. Thanks for all the useful information! Unfortunately, we had already submitted our application for the school that I am keen on before I read all the advice. We left the section on the application where we were invited to share any other important information about our family blank. However, I feel good about what we wrote about our child. After reading your book I realize how important it is to share information about the family. Should I wait for the tour or interview to offer the admissions director a revised application or should I call right now? Did I blow it?

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[Christina Simon](#) said:

Hi Anon:

Thanks for buying the book and reading the blog!! Anne and I both feel that the section of the application you left blank is generally to give a family the chance to forewarn the school about something unique, out of the ordinary or unusual about your family. The fact that you left it blank is fine. We don't think you should revise the application or call the school. Leave your application as it is. But, make sure to round out your family messages or information about your family in the parent interview. You should have the opportunity in the parent interview to discuss your family in detail. If the parent interview is focused on other topics i.e the weather, you will need to try to guide the conversation towards your family's attributes and importantly why your child will be a GREAT FIT for this particular school. Not any private school, but the school where you're applying. Try to be specific with examples i.e. the sports program, the reading program, the similarity to your preschool, etc. Obviously, private schools want kids that they can teach and that will be happy and stay at the school and, of course, parents who will contribute their volunteer time and contribute financially, if possible. You can help them understand that YOU are that family! Also, see our previous post about "Family Messages". Good luck!

Christina and Anne

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Anonymous said:

Thanks so much! Great advice!!!

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