

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission criteria for Catholic School

Each school will have a written policy on student admission and requirements. Screening may be required for placement and/or acceptance.

Every Catholic child is given preference for a Catholic school education, presuming there is space available and that he/she can profit from the school program offered. Appropriate inclusion recognizes and affirms the unique learning styles of students with varying exceptionalities. We recognize the responsibility to provide a learning environment that fosters growth and considers the individual needs of the child. To the extent possible, the Catholic schools will serve children with special needs in general education classes.

Neither race, sex, nor national origin is to prevent a student from being accepted in the school. Non-Catholics are to be accepted on a space-available basis.

The administration of the school has responsibility for admission of new students.

The criteria used to select new students in the elementary school (K-8) is as follows:

- 1st Siblings of presently enrolled students
- 2nd Parish members where the school is located
- 3rd Parishioners of regional parishes
- 4th Other Catholics
- 5th Non- Catholics

Acceptance of preschool/pre-kindergarten students into the K-8 school program is at the discretion of the principal.

Parishioner

To qualify as a parishioner, parents and their child must be:

- registered in the parish,
- baptized in the Catholic faith,
- attend Mass regularly, and
- support the parish in the best way they can, whether monetarily or in service.

Proof of legal name, age and custody

Before any child is admitted to a school, the child's parents or guardians shall present the child's birth certificate to school authorities in order to verify the child's legal name and age. At least one parent/guardian of the child must sign the child's application for admission to the school. In case of divorce, records, including a certified copy of the Decree of Divorce, must be on file stating who has custody and when. In cases where the child's name differs from the birth certificate, additional and supporting legal documents will be required.

Name of student

Upon admission to a school, a student shall be registered under the name that appears on the student's birth certificate. This must appear on the attendance register, permanent record file, and report card. The student may use a "preferred" name on papers, reports, etc.

Immunization for first admission/health assessment requirements

Schools shall comply with the current requirements for immunization and health assessment as established by state and local health authorities. It is required that kindergarten students have a health evaluation prior to entering school. It is recommended that students in grades 3, 7, and 10 have a health evaluation done.

Age of admission for kindergarten and first grade

A student entering kindergarten must be five years of age on or before September 1st of that year. A student entering first grade should be six years of age on or before September 1st of that year. An exception may be made if a student transfers from another state with a different age requirement.

Exclusion

The principal is authorized to exclude from admission to kindergarten or first grade those pupils who, on the basis of objective testing conducted by the school, are unprepared for regular classroom work on that level.