



**Admission Guidelines**

Students will be admitted to St. Catherine's School according to the following priority guidelines:

1. Children presently enrolled in the school if they and their families meet the expectations of the school.
2. Siblings of children already in the school, whose families are practicing Catholics active in the parish.
3. Children whose families are practicing Catholics active in the parish.
4. Siblings of children already in the school, whose families are practicing Catholics active in other parishes.
5. Children whose families are practicing Catholics coming into the parish who have been attending Catholic schools elsewhere.
6. Children whose families are practicing Catholics active in other parishes.
7. Children whose families are either not practicing Catholics or are not active in their parishes.
8. Non-Catholics. Enrollment of more than 15% non-Catholics in any grade requires the approval of the Board of Directors. Once accepted into the school, non-Catholics need meet only the criteria expected of other students to be re-admitted in subsequent years. Siblings of non-Catholics cannot be given priority over Catholics.

**New Applications**

New applications for each grade level will be accepted for children who have reached their normal peer group age by December 31 of that school year (e.g. Kindergarten applicants must be five years old on or before December 31 of the current school year).

**Grade Acceleration**

For children applying for enrollment in a grade higher than their normal peer group (e.g. a five-year-old wishing to enroll in grade one), the same priority of enrollment in item 1(a) through (h) would apply. The school does not encourage this practice and reserves the right to refuse such requests even when space might permit. However, consideration will be given to these requests on a case-by-case basis.

**Exceptions**

The Pastor and school Principal reserve the right to make exceptions to this policy for special reasons.

<b>Reference:</b>	<b>Approved:</b> St. Joseph's Parish Education Committee
	<b>Date(s) Revised:</b>