

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY



Cathedral school admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to the students of this school. Cathedral School is a Catholic school serving the parish of St. Mary's Cathedral and other families within the greater Portland area seeking a Catholic education for their children.

While applicants are accepted throughout the year, each spring Cathedral School will conduct a priority placement process for the next school year. At the completion of this process the wait list is dissolved. **Students wishing to remain on the wait list must reapply.**

Prospective new students will be considered for admission based on the following criteria:

- Parents will submit a completed Cathedral application to the school office as per the timeline established.
- Parents will furnish pertinent educational, behavioral and social interaction background concerning their child, including standardized test results and previous academic reports upon request.
- When an opening occurs, applicants will be considered by the school administration in the following order:
 1. Siblings of students currently enrolled at Cathedral School
 2. Families new to Cathedral School who are registered members of St. Mary's Cathedral Parish
 3. Families new to Cathedral School who are registered members of a Catholic parish without a school
 4. Families new to Cathedral School who are registered members of a Catholic parish with a school
 5. Families who are Roman Catholic but not members of a Catholic parish
 6. Non-Catholic families
- Parents are expected to agree to and comply with all aspects and expectations in supporting the school mission and policies.
- Applicants will be assessed as needed to determine their academic and social readiness for the grades for which they are applying; applicants and their families will take part in the interview and evaluation process.

Entrance Age:

Children entering Pre-Kindergarten are to be four years of age on or before September 1st of the academic year of enrollment.

Children entering kindergarten are to be five years of age on or before September 1st of the academic year of enrollment.

Children entering the first grade are to be six years of age on or before September 1st of the academic year of enrollment, or are to have completed a full year of kindergarten.

Statement of Non-discrimination:

The Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Portland admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to all the schools. They do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

All transfer students, grades Pre-K-8, regardless of the time of the year admitted, will be on academic and behavioral probation for a period of nine weeks.