

**MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT PAROCHIAL SCHOOL  
ADMISSION AND RETENTION POLICY**

*(Revised January, 2005)*

The mission of Most Blessed Sacrament School is to minister to the educational needs of our parish family by providing a teaching atmosphere which promotes gospel values and academic excellence for our students.

Parents are expected to actively participate in the education of their children by practicing their faith, by supporting their parish church, and by cooperating with the administration and faculty in all school matters. Students are expected to comply with all school regulations and to conduct themselves at all times in a manner reflecting Christian values, and which is conducive to good learning and good conduct.

The Most Blessed Sacrament Parochial School admits all qualified students regardless of race, color, sex, or national origin. The school is, however, limited with respect to physical capacity and accordingly, in the number of students which may be adequately accommodated. Therefore,

**IT IS RESOLVED AND ESTABLISHED AS POLICY THAT:**

I The requirements for entrance are as follows:

- A. Children entering Kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 30. Children entering the first grade must be six year old on or before September 30.
- B. A copy of the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate and a complete health card must be presented at the time of his or her acceptance for enrollment.
- C. The following documents must be received prior to the acceptance of registrations of new students entering **first through eighth grades**:
  - 1. A letter of recommendation from the student's previous school (ex. principal, teacher, or counselor).
  - 2. A copy of a formal transcript or a copy of the student's current report card and latest standardized testing scores from the school from which the student is transferring.

II. Students applying to Most Blessed Sacrament School will be accepted in the following priority:

- A. Currently enrolled children whose families practice their faith and support the church as Identified Offertory Givers (IOG)\* and who have fulfilled the requirements as stated in the "Parents Commitment to Church and School."

**\*IOG:** The parents or legal guardian of the child whose use of offertory envelopes has noted their annual financial support of the parish in the minimum of \$325.00.

- B. Catholic siblings\*\* of currently enrolled Catholic children of parishioners\*\*\* whose families practice their faith and support the church as Identified Offertory Givers and who have fulfilled the requirements as stated in the "Parents Commitment to Church and School."

**\*\*SIBLINGS:** A brother or sister of a student who has attended Most Blessed Sacrament at least one calendar year from the time they were enrolled.

**\*\*\*PARISHIONER:** A Catholic registered in Most Blessed Sacrament Parish and residing within its geographic boundary. A parishioner, living outside the geographic boundaries, who registered in the Parish after January 1, 2000 will be in Priority “E”.

1. Children who meet all of the following criteria listed below.

- a. The children are Catholic siblings\*\* of currently enrolled Catholic children of parishioners\*\*\*
- b. The children’s families practice their faith and support the church as Identified Offertory Givers.
- c. The children’s parents have fulfilled the requirements as stated in the “Parents Commitment to Church and School.”
- d. The children are currently enrolled in another Catholic school.

2. Children who meet all of the following criteria listed below.

- a. The children are Catholic siblings\*\*of currently enrolled Catholic children of parishioners\*\*\*
- b. The children’s families practice their faith and support the church as Identified Offertory Givers.
- c. The children’s parents have fulfilled the requirements as stated in the “Parents Commitment to Church and School.”

C. Catholic students of parishioners transferring from another Catholic school

D. Catholic children of parishioner.

**Applications in categories “C” and “D” will be evaluated on the following criteria:**

- Practicing Catholic (ex. weekly Mass attendance, daily prayer, good works, etc.)
- Regular IOG
- Family history of Catholic education
- Number of years registered in Most Blessed Sacrament Parish
- Intent card signed and returned
- Actively participates in the ministries of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish
- On the waiting list last year
- First child in the family entering Kindergarten
- One or both parents are alumni of Most Blessed Sacrament School

E. Catholic students of parishioners who registered in Most Blessed Sacrament Parish after January, 2000 and live outside of the Most Blessed Sacrament parish boundaries, practice their faith and support Most Blessed Sacrament as an IOG

F. Catholic children of Catholic families residing in another parish who practice their faith and support their church as IOG.

G. Siblings of currently enrolled non-Catholic children whose families are identified as members of their church and who have fulfilled the designated requirements as stated in the “Parents Commitment to Church and School.”

H. Children of families of other faiths identified as members of their church who reside in Most Blessed Sacrament Parish.