

St. David School
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Application and Admission Policy

The Catholic schools in the Diocese of Oakland, mindful of their mission to be witnesses to the love of Christ for all, admit students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic schools in the Diocese of Oakland do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in the administration of educational policies, scholarships, and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Upon application, the following criteria are considered in the acceptance of pre-kindergarten through 8th grade applicants into St. David School.

Final determination of acceptance is made on the basis of whether or not St. David School will meet the needs of the applicant. Decisions are final.

1. Results of the applicant's readiness test.
2. Information obtained from the applicant's present school.
3. Information obtained from the applicant's completed application/attachments.
4. Availability of space in the grade to which the applicant is applying.
5. Additional Pre-kindergarten criteria:
 - a. **Pre-kindergarten applicants must be three years old by date of entry.**
 - b. **Pre-kindergarten applicants must be independent in toileting.**
6. Additional Kindergarten criteria:
 - a. **Kindergarten applicants must be five (5) years old by September 1st.**
 - b. **Kindergarten applicants must demonstrate they are developmentally ready as determined by the screening test.**

Students must show appropriate school readiness if their birthday is in the month of October.

Students who are not accepted to our Kindergarten program have the option of attending another Kindergarten program and re-applying for Kindergarten or 1st grade the following year. The priority for admission into St. David School for Pre-kindergarten through 8th grade applicants is as follows:

1. First priority will be given to families who are "practicing Catholics", registered at St. David Parish.
2. Second priority will be given to families with students currently enrolled in St. David School who are "practicing Catholics", regardless of parish; and families that are transferring from other Catholic schools that are "practicing Catholics".
3. Third priority will be given to families who are "practicing Catholics", regardless of parish.
4. Fourth priority will be given to families who are non-practicing Catholics or non-Catholics. "Practicing Catholic" is the evidence of desire for spiritual growth, practice of the faith, and faithful participation at Mass determined by the only available means, that is, the regular use of the contribution envelope or check. We are interested in a cooperative effort between parish, school, and family.