



Priority for Admissions

St. Joseph School is a **Catholic** school. Our reason for existence is to provide a quality education *within the context of the Catholic faith*. Our first priority is always in some way connected with the faith formation of the student. Because we at St. Joseph believe we can support parents in the religious formation of their children, but never replace them, we give the highest priority for admissions to families where at least one of the parents is a registered, contributing, and participating member of a church. Students should be in the habit of reasonably regular attendance at worship.

During the registration period, students will be prioritized in the following order. Any students not placed by the end of the registration period will be placed in a non-ordered waiting list pool. Applications received after the registration period will also be placed in the pool. As openings arise throughout the year, all applicants in the pool will be re-evaluated and re-prioritized (according to the following schedule) **at the time of each opening**.

1. Returning elementary students
 2. Siblings of returning elementary students
 3. Children of employees of St. Joseph Church and School
 4. Registered at St. Joseph Church or Mary, Queen of Peace Church, for at least three months, sacrificial giving card on file, contributing member, **reasonably regular attendance** at Sunday Liturgy
 5. Registered at St. Joseph Church or Mary, Queen of Peace Church, for at least three months, sacrificial giving card on file, contributing member, with **at least “some” attendance** at Sunday Liturgy
 6. Registered at St. Joseph Church or Mary, Queen of Peace Church, **for less than** three months, sacrificial giving card on file, contributing member, reasonably regular attendance at Sunday Liturgy
 7. Registered Catholic **from a neighboring parish**, sacrificial giving card on file, contributing member, reasonably regular attendance at Sunday Liturgy
 8. **Non-Catholic** registered in a non-Catholic church, active and contributing member, with reasonably regular attendance at non-Catholic Worship
 9. Registered at St. Joseph Church, contributing member, but **not reasonably attending** Sunday Liturgy
 10. Registered Catholic from a neighboring parish, contributing member, but **not reasonably attending** Sunday Liturgy
 11. **Non-Catholic** registered in a non-Catholic church, contributing member, but **not reasonably attending** non-Catholic Worship
 12. **Inactive or Non-Catholic** not currently involved in a church
- Mary, Queen of Peace will have priority for 25% of all new openings and will also have priority for any openings that are not filled by St. Joseph parishioners.
 - St. Joseph/MQP Preschool students are not guaranteed acceptance into the Elementary School. Current preschool students will be accepted for kindergarten according to the admission policy stated above. If all factors are equal in the priority of two students and one is a St. Joseph/MQP preschool student, the St. Joseph preschool student will have priority.
 - If all factors are equal in the priority of two or more students, the administrator and pastor/pastoral coordinator will make decisions on acceptance.
 - We encourage all school families to become active participants in the faith community in which they are members.