



St. William Catholic School

Admission Policy

(Effective August 2020)



An essential criterion for admission is the informed acceptance by the student and parents of the fact that the school is Catholic in philosophy and practice. All students must participate in the religious education courses offered for their grade level, participate in the worshiping community while in school, and agree to act in a manner consistent with Christian values. Parents/guardians are expected to cooperate with all administrative and educational policies of the school. Parents/guardians who do not fully cooperate and/or who are disruptive in their actions may be asked to withdraw their children from school.

St. William Catholic School respects the dignity of all students. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, sex or disability unrelated to a student's ability to participate in the school's program or other legally protected status.

Admission priority will be as follows:

- Currently enrolled students who have met the previous year's financial obligations
- Siblings of currently enrolled students dependent on available classroom space
- Children of registered, contributing, and participating members of St. William Parish
- Children of current or new faculty members
- Registered parishioners from the previous year's registration list
- Children of families registered in another Catholic parish that does not have a school for a specific age or cannot accept because of large enrollment
- Children of other registered parishioners beginning with those longest registered as active parishioners
- Non-Catholics who qualify and agree to conform to the school's religious instruction and policies.

Acceptance of students for admission or re-admission will be judged individually on the basis of past academic and conduct records. Admission may be denied individuals for any reason deemed to be inappropriate by school or parish authorities, including but not limited to the following:

- Students with past disciplinary or academic problems
- Students who require special services beyond the school's capability to meet those unique needs
- Students whose families fail to meet financial responsibilities to the school.

Children admitted to St. William Catholic School kindergarten must be five years old by September 1st of the enrolling year and must take the Kindergarten Readiness Test administered in the spring of the enrolling year by the St. William School kindergarten teacher(s). Children admitted to first grade must be six years old by September 1st of the enrolling year or have completed an approved kindergarten program. **There will be no exceptions to this policy.**

Walled Lake Public Schools Special Services does provide the following services to students who meet the requirements:

- Occupational Therapy
- Speech and Language
- Special Learning Consultant
- Adaptive P.E.
- Others as services are required

At the discretion of the principal, an admission's test in math and/or reading may be administered to any student entering grades two through eight prior to acceptance. Acceptance of new students will not be final until all school records are received and verified. **All new students will be on probation academically and behaviorally for the first quarter.**