

Student Admission Policy for St. Bede the Venerable School

Lord teach me to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 8)

General Guidelines

Students must screen within the acceptable range for his/her grade level as determined by the school administration.

The age for kindergarten students is 5 years of age on or before September 1.

The recommended age for first grade is 6 years of age on or before September 1 but required by December 1 unless waived by the principal.

All students must comply with current California immunization and health requirements prior to enrollment.

The parish school will strive to have Catholic education accessible to as many students as possible both with its educational and financial considerations: however, it may have insufficient resources to serve the educational needs of all students.

Priority Guidelines

1. Admittance priority will be given to applicants whose parents/legal guardians meet the following criteria:
 - a. Responsible registered members of the parish during the entire year preceding submission of the admission application. The one-year requirement may be waived for parents who have relocated their residence during the preceding year from more than 30 miles away from St. Bede the Venerable Church, and who were previously registered members in another Catholic parish.
 - b. Practicing Catholics, meaning regular attendance at Sunday Mass. This will be measured by the frequency and regularity of the placement of offertory envelopes in the collection at Mass or online giving.
 - c. Financial contribution to the parish. This means that the financial contribution indicates a willingness to contribute a fair share towards the financial needs of the parish. Contributions will be measured by parish accounting records.
2. In the event that the pool of applicants meeting the above criteria (section 1) is larger than the available spaces in a class, admittance priority will be given to applicants whose parents/legal guardians meet the following criteria:
 - a. Volunteered hours in a parish or school ministry or committee during the year preceding submission of the admission application.
3. In the event that the pool of applicants meeting the above criteria (sections 1 & 2) is larger than the available spaces in a class, admittance priority will be given to applicants whose parents/legal guardians meet the following criteria:
 - a. Have children already attending St. Bede School (siblings of the applicant); or
 - b. Are employed at St. Bede School or are staff members at St. Bede's Church.
4. In the event that the pool of applicants meeting the above criteria (sections 1, 2 & 3) is larger than the available spaces in a class, admittance priority will be given to applicants who are on the wait list. The wait list will consist of applicants who applied for admission previously, who were denied admission due to lack of available space, and who indicated a wish to be placed on the wait list.

5. In the event that the pool of applicants meeting the above criteria (sections 1, 2, 3 & 4) is larger than the available spaces in a class, the following criteria will be considered:
 - a. The length of time the parents/legal guardians have been registered members of the parish; and
 - b. The voluntary contributions of the parents/legal guardians to parish ministries and/or committees; and
 - c. The availability of space at a Catholic school in another Catholic parish; and
 - d. Whether the parents/legal guardians are alumni of St. Bede School.

Other Enrollment Information

1. Students are expected to:
 - a) take a placement test in February.
 - b) provide St. Bede School with copies of birth certificate, baptismal certificate, First Holy Communion certificate (if applicable), recent report card and recent standardized test scores.
2. Because tuition, fees, parish subsidy and fundraising are not sufficient to cover the operational costs of the school, many extra programs are staffed by volunteers. Therefore, parents will be asked to give either time or money to the volunteer programs of the school. They will be asked to demonstrate, at the time of registration, their support of the school's philosophy and programs by signing the following non-tuition parental obligation form:

To attend Mass with your children on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
 To financially support St. Bede parish through the use of weekly envelopes
 To make a commitment for school volunteer work
 To attend all three Parent Meetings held during the school year
 To support all school fundraising events
 To maintain a Catholic atmosphere in your home to help your child grow in his/her faith

3. St. Bede, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, or national and/or ethnic origins to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.
4. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex, or national and /or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation.
5. While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

FAMILY NAME _____ **FATHER** _____ **MOTHER** _____
 (PLEASE PRINT) (SIGN) (SIGN)