

ADMISSION

Admission Philosophy:

We are a Catholic school and embrace the teachings of the Catholic Church. Consistent With our policy of diversity, we welcome non-Catholic families as well as families of all races, creeds, national and ethnic backgrounds.

Our primary goal in admissions is to admit students who will be successful both academically and socially, and who will be assets to our school community and its mission.

Criteria for Selection:

In considering candidates for admission to SBA, we consider four different criteria:

- Standardized performance testing;
- Personal interviews and examinations;
- Reports from preschools or previous grade schools; and
- Letter of reference

These criteria are accorded different weights, yielding an overall score on which offers of admission are based.

Selection of Applicants:

- Siblings of returning students who meet the established admissions standards are given first priority in admission.
- Catholic non-siblings who exhibit a demonstrable probability of success are then admitted in the order of overall scores.
- Children of alumni who exhibit a demonstrable probability of success are then admitted in the order of overall scores.
- Other applicants who exhibit a demonstrable probability of success are then admitted in the order of overall scores, with consideration given to gender parity, racial diversity and socio-economic diversity.

Admissions Process

1. Attend an Open House in the fall.
2. Complete and return the application along with the non-refundable fee of \$75.
 - A. Application with photograph
 - B. Developmental history
 - C. Release form
 - D. Teacher questionnaire
 - E. Standardized testing (if applicable)
 - F. Letters of recommendation
3. A post card will be sent acknowledging completion of the application.
4. Register to take entrance test. Testing is scheduled on a Saturday and the fee is \$100.
5. Schedule an interview with the Director or Admissions Director.
6. Qualified applications will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee.
7. Acceptance will be sent via mail to the parents. A signed contract and a specified amount of tuition will secure a place for the student. A deadline of two weeks will be given for this.