CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL GUIDE

CatholicBestChoice.org
WORTH EVERY PENNY

For over a century our Catholic High Schools have built tomorrow’s generation of leaders who understand what it means to persevere, to be selfless, to seek justice, to be disciplined. In short, to know what it means to have Christian character and faith.

ACT SCORES

TOP 25% nationally / Composite 24.7

ENGLISH 25.1 / NATIONAL AVG. 20.1
MATH 23.5 / NATIONAL AVG. 20.5
READING 25.4 / NATIONAL AVG. 21.3
SCIENCE 24.2 / NATIONAL AVG. 20.8

STUDENT TO FACULTY high school ratio

12.4

96%

of our high school graduates continue education in college

74%

of our high school graduates receive scholarship offers

The best choice ... for what matters most.

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High School is Right around the Corner

How do my parents and I start the Catholic high school selection process?

- Attend open houses and high school information events. Explore each school’s website.
- Investigate the spiritual, academic, and extracurricular programs each school has to offer.
- Register to spend a day at each high school your family is considering (often called a shadow day).
- Talk with parents, teachers, clergy, and high school students to gather input on the schools that best meet your needs spiritually, academically, and socially.
- Consider the cost of education at each school and examine which tuition assistance and scholarship programs might meet your family’s needs.
- Inquire about each individual high school’s admissions criteria.
- All eighth-grade students from Catholic and non-Catholic schools (public, charter schools, home schools, virtual schools, etc.) who are interested in applying to an Archdiocese of Cincinnati high school must take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) in the fall of eighth grade. The test is administered at all Catholic high schools on the same date/time in November. The student is asked to choose up to four schools that they wish to receive their test scores. Scholastic Testing Services will send the test results to each requested school.
- Students should maintain good grades, conduct, and attendance.
- Continue to be involved in school and community events.
- Students currently receiving State of Ohio Scholarship Programs (EdChoice, Jon Peterson, or Autism Scholarship) should verify that the high schools they are considering participate in the program.
- Remember that some high schools offer programs for students with special needs; however, the number of spaces may be limited.
- Begin to narrow the list of high school choices.

What is the High School Placement Test?

- All applicants for Catholic high schools must take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) in the fall of their eighth-grade year.
- For applicants of the Class of 2024, the HSPT is held at all Catholic high schools on Saturday, November 23, 2019.
- Students may take the test at any of the Catholic high school locations. Their test scores will be sent to the high schools to which they are applying. The student should choose a site to take their HSPT and register through the school’s website. There is a $30 testing fee paid directly to the school where the student is testing. Note: Girls can take their test at any co-ed or all-girl school and boys can take their test at any co-ed or all-boy school.

How do I apply to a Catholic high school?

- Visit each individual school’s website for their admissions process and application information. Deadlines vary for each school.

What if I attend a non-Catholic grade school?

- Register to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) at any Catholic high school. Note: Girls can take their test at any co-ed or all-girl school and boys can take their test at any co-ed or all-boy school.
- Each school to which you are applying will ask the parent to complete and sign a Records Release Form. That form will be sent to the student’s current school to request official records to be sent to the high school to which you are applying. Each high school’s requirements for records vary; however, you must include at least the following: complete transcript of 6th, 7th and 8th grade records and your most recent standardized test scores.

What criteria do schools look at when assessing an application?

- Catholic high schools will look at your 6th, 7th and 8th grade academic records.
- They will evaluate your standardized test scores and your HSPT results.
- They may review your conduct, effort, and recommendations from your current school.
- Each high school is different. To learn more about each school’s specific criteria, contact the high school directly.

Is financial assistance available?

- Yes. Contact each high school you are interested in for details on how and when to apply for scholarships and financial aid. Some deadlines end as early as November.
- Most high schools use FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment, a third party agent, to evaluate financial aid applications from applying families. Families requesting financial assistance complete a FACTS Grant and Aid Form and can choose the high schools to which they would like the report sent. FACTS establishes each family’s financial need and makes that information available to participating high schools. Each school then uses the FACTS information to determine tuition grant amounts for qualifying families.

How will I know if I am accepted?

- Admissions decisions from the high schools will be mailed to the students on January 15, 2020. Some high schools may elect to additionally send an email to the parents that evening.

How do I register after I am accepted?

- You will be notified of registration procedures by the individual high school.
- Per the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, registration for the Class of 2024 opens on January 29, 2020.
- A tuition deposit or registration fee may be required to reserve your place in the Class of 2024. Each admitting school will communicate that information to parents of eighth graders.

What should I do if I miss any of these deadlines?

- Families should contact the individual high school to request information about admission.
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Why Choose a Catholic School?

My Catholic school career began in the fall of 1961 at St. Albert the Great School in Kettering, Ohio in the first grade. Little did I know as a shy first-grader in my plaid uniform, I would become a “lifer” in Catholic Education. Forty-two years later, as superintendent of Catholic Schools, I am often asked, “Why choose Catholic schools?” My answer is simple. It has made all the difference ...

At a time when our world faces so many challenges, I firmly believe ... WE are God’s people and WE are the Catholic Church. Our Catholic Schools are one of the many vehicles to know, love and serve God. My Catholic Education created in me the ability to base my life on Catholic values and principles so as to live my life serving His children.

Catholic schools prepare the whole person in mind, body and spirit, for life with Christ. In a world needing a moral compass, it is a blessing to be able to learn about faith, morals and values in every class and in every aspect of a Catholic School. Our Catholic Identity permeates our schools. Lifelong values and friendships are formed through the common bond of faith reaching far beyond daily lessons in a classroom. Learning becomes multi-dimensional because of our ability to infuse Catholic values into each lesson.

In our schools, you will see:

Be it known to all who enter, Christ is the reason for this school.
He is the unseen, ever present teacher in its classes.
He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.

All these years later, I remain grateful to my parents who struggled to put four children through Catholic grade school and high school. I didn’t understand then but I certainly “get it” now. I received the gift of faith, in a personal relationship with Christ, which has lasted a lifetime.

My Catholic education has made all the difference.

– Susan M. Gibbons
Director of Educational Services
and Superintendent

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