

St. John The Baptist School Admission Policy

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- 1 The Catholic schools in the Diocese of Oakland, mindful of their mission to be witnesses to the love of Christ for all, admit students of any race, color and national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic schools in the Diocese of Oakland do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in the administration of educational policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.
 - 2 The minimum age for a child entering Kindergarten is four years and nine months on, or before September 1 of the current year. Readiness for Kindergarten will be determined by an interview with the teacher.
 - 3 Once readiness is established, priority will be given as follows:
 - Children of active* parishioners
 - Siblings, provided family has participated in church and school activities
 - Children of alumni
 - Catholic children from other parishes
 - Children of families of other faiths.
- *Active Parishioner: At least one parent and child/ren are Catholic and registered in the parish. They participate in parish life and attend Mass regularly. This is "documented" by regularly depositing personalized contribution envelopes in the Sunday collections for at least one year prior to seeking the tuition rate of an active parishioner and continuing to do so during the time of the child(ren)'s enrollment in the School. When deciding on the amount of the contribution to the parish, the fact that the parish's annual subsidy to the school comes from the parish Sunday collection should be taken into consideration.*
- 4 For admission to Grades 1-8 presentation of evidence of a satisfactory record in the school last attended, together with a transfer from that school, must be submitted to the principal. An entrance test will be administered.
 - 5 The following records are required for admission to the school
 - a Birth / Baptismal Certificate
 - b Record of Inoculations
 - c Certificate of First Communion *if applicable*
 - d Report cards; recommendations from other schools.
 - 6 Parent involvement in St. John's PTG is part of the contract each family makes with the school.

Mission Statement of St. John's School

The Mission of St. John the Baptist School is to ensure quality education, forming mature Christian persons who actively contribute to the community.

School Philosophy

St. John the Baptist Catholic School is dedicated to providing a setting for its students and faculty to learn and to live a Christ-centered way of life, rooted in Catholic traditions and practices. Its primary purpose is to integrate the Gospel message with the total education program in order to form mature Christians. Parents are acknowledged as primary educators and teachers as facilitators in the process of education.

We consider the following as key elements in forming a Christian way of life:

- To teach the students in daily religion classes about the life of Christ and their role as church members
- To involve students in the work of social justice and the promotion of world peace
- To emphasize basic curricular subjects which ensures quality education thus enabling students to develop as persons who are independent and socially responsible
- To recognize the uniqueness of each individual student through personal understanding and supportive educational programs and thus developing in each student an awareness of his/her role as a citizen and a productive member of society
- To enable the students to actively appreciate and value the many ethnic groups that enrich our school and society.

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Student Learning Expectations

Our school is a thriving community where Gospel values and high academic standards are integrated into the life of the school. Together, we the learning community at St. John's School believe and support these expectations:

- We are Christian Leaders who live our faith, study our religious traditions and teachings, participate in liturgy, live by Jesus' example and show compassion and understanding for all God's people and creation.
- We are Academic Achievers who excel academically, are prepared for the challenges of high school and beyond, do our best every day, learn inside and outside the classroom, share our learning and help each other learn.
- We are Active in our Community and in our World, are connected by faith, family, friends and community, celebrate diversity, respect all people, are courteous and thoughtful, and work to make our world a better place through prayer and action.
- We are Confident and We Make a Difference by believing in ourselves, leading by example, exploring new ideas, having the courage and the skills to pursue our dreams, are healthy in mind, body and spirit, communicate openly and honestly and make a positive difference in the world!

Together, as partners in the vision, we can truly make a difference
for our children, our community, and our world.

School Pledge

I promise:

- to be a kind and caring person
- to respect my teachers and fellow classmates
- to work hard on my school work and
- to be the kind of person God wants me to be.

