

ADMISSION INFORMATION

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR APPLICATION PROCESS

Nondiscriminatory Policy

St. Peter's Catholic School is a Roman Catholic non-profit, co-educational school serving students in grades JK through 8. Application for admission is open to all students regardless of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, and disability who possess the motivation, ability and character that would enable them to succeed in a rigorous academic environment. We welcome all applications for students entering Junior Kindergarten through grade Eight.

As openings become available, the following priorities as established by the St. Peter's Catholic Church Pastoral Council will be used to accept students to St. Peter's Catholic School.

Any exceptions to these guidelines requires the approval of the pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

There are similar but separate pathways for entrance into the JK classes and for the K-8 classes as described below. Admission to the JK class does not in any way influence subsequent admission to the kindergarten class.

Admission Priorities (entrance gates) for the St. Peter's Junior Kindergarten (JK) Class

1. Children of full-time faculty/full-time staff
2. Siblings of currently enrolled Catholic parishioners in grades K-7
3. Catholic students of St. Peter's Parish
4. Siblings of currently enrolled non-parishioner Catholics in grades K-7
5. Students from other Catholic parishes
6. Siblings of currently enrolled non-Catholic students
7. Children or siblings of Alumni
8. Other non-Catholic students

If there are more applicants for the class than available slots, all the applicants of the affected priority gate will be placed into a lottery and the remaining slots awarded based on a drawing from the lottery applicants. Students not accepted by the lottery selection will be placed on a waiting list ranked by their lottery selection spot.

If additional applications become available after the class is determined they will be assigned on a waiting list according to the priority admission gates 1-8 as described above.

Admission Priorities (entrance gates) for the St. Peter's Kindergarten (K) Class

1. Children of full-time faculty/full time staff
2. Siblings of currently enrolled Catholic parishioners in grades K-7
3. Catholic students of St. Peter's Parish
4. Siblings of currently enrolled non-parishioner Catholics in grades K-7
5. Siblings of currently enrolled non-Catholic students in grades K-7
6. Catholic students of other parishes
7. Children or siblings of alumni
8. Other non-Catholic students

If there are more applicants for the class than available spots, all the applicants of the affected priority gate will be placed into a lottery and the remaining slots awarded based on a drawing from the lottery applicants. Students not accepted by the lottery selection will be placed on a waiting list ranked by their lottery selection spot.

If additional applications become available after the class is determined they will be assigned on a waiting list according to the priority admission gates 1-8 as described above.

For 2011-2012 School Year-- 11 non Catholic students/siblings have been pre-offered positions in the kindergarten class. These positions are NOT subject to the above gates.

Admission Priorities (entrance gates) 1-8

Students in grades K-7 are automatically eligible for re-enrollment in the next grade assuming they remain in good academic and disciplinary standing.

Any openings in the upcoming grades 1-8 will be offered to eligible students based on the following gates:

1. Children of full-time faculty/full time staff
2. Siblings of currently enrolled Catholic parishioners in grades K-7
3. Catholic student of St Peter's parish
4. Siblings of currently enrolled non-parishioner Catholics in grades K-7

5. Siblings of currently enrolled non-Catholic students in grades K-7
6. Catholic students of other parishes
7. Children or siblings of alumni
8. Other non-Catholic students

Lotteries will be held to place a student not accepted on a “waiting list” based on their priority gate. Their position on the waiting list will be maintained for subsequent years assuming their gate does not change. Gate prioritization and waiting list revision will be reviewed annually.

If an opening occurs at any grade level and is subsequently offered to a student on a waiting list, that offer must be immediately accepted or the student will be dropped to the end of the waiting list for that gate. If the opening occurs after the midpoint of a semester, the student may accept and begin class with the next semester.

SPECIAL NOTATION FOR ALL GATES

To be considered as “Catholic”, the family must demonstrate that the student and one or both parents/legal guardians are active, practicing Catholics.

To be considered as a “Parishioner”, the family must have been a registered, ongoing and active member of St. Peter’s Church giving of their time, talents or treasures. Families new to Greenville/St. Peter’s are expected to register with the church upon their arrival in the community.

Currently enrolled means: student currently in grade(s) K-7 at the time of registration.

Adults who have full legal guardianship of a child will be considered as being the parent of that child.

To be considered for entrance into St. Peter’s Catholic School, a completed application (with application fee) must be turned in to the admissions office on or before the published deadlines.

The applications are NOT ranked by order of submission

Students currently on a waiting list must renew their application for the following school year, if admission was not offered. Their position on the waiting list (prioritized by gate as above) will be maintained. An additional application fee is NOT required to renew the application.

Applicants for Kindergarten will be conditionally accepted with full acceptance contingent on displayed readiness on the Kindergarten entrance assessment

Prioritization of siblings of newly admitted students will not be effective until the following school year application process.

Children entering Junior Kindergarten must be four (4) years of age by August 31.

Children entering Kindergarten must be five (5) years of age by August 31.

The principal is allowed one position to accept a student into the JK and one student into the Kindergarten class regardless of the otherwise appropriate gate for that student.

The pastor is allowed one position to accept a student into the JK class and one student into the Kindergarten class regardless of the otherwise appropriate gate for that student.

All applications are subject to the final approval of the parish pastor. All accepted applications are subject to review of the student's academic records and preparedness for school.