

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
EDUCATION COUNCIL**

**POLICY: 200 - ADMISSIONS**

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School is dedicated to integrating faith and knowledge in the rich tradition of Catholic education. We serve students in PreK3 through the 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

The school adheres to the policies stipulated by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department. Texas state guidelines are followed regarding age requirements. Special education, gifted and ESL/bilingual classes are not available at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School. Admission to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School is based on an individual review of each applicant.

The following policies have been formulated in relation to student admission:

1. Applications will be received in the spring semester for the following school year. Applications will also be received for the current year based on available openings. Applications are made through the school office and accompanied by a non-refundable application fee. Current students must reapply each year. New student applications must contain all required documents before a student is considered for admission. Applications and fees will be taken for available spaces only. Once classes are filled those wishing to be considered for vacancies will be placed on a waiting list. Applications for 8<sup>th</sup> grade are limited to returning students and new applicants transferring from another Catholic school or moving into the area.
2. Admission to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School for returning and new students considers the developmental, scholastic, and behavioral qualifications of the applicant as well as the available openings in each grade level, the overall composition of the class, and the resources available to meet the student's needs. Applicants must show readiness to benefit from and contribute to the group learning environment present in our classrooms. Applicants must be English speaking. Students entering Pre-Kindergarten must be toilet trained.
3. New applicants are required to participate in admissions screenings determined by school administration. Screenings are conducted to place students appropriately within the school's program and to assure that the needs of the student can be met through available resources. Admissions screenings include the following:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
PreK, K & 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> developmental readiness checklist <input type="checkbox"/> observational visit/interview
2 <sup>nd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	<input type="checkbox"/> standardized tests in reading and math <input type="checkbox"/> writing sample <input type="checkbox"/> observational visit/interview

4. Age Requirements: 3K Pre-kindergarten – 3 years of age on or before September 1  
 4K Pre-kindergarten – 4 years of age on or before September 1  
 Kindergarten - 5 years of age on or before September 1  
 1st Grade - 6 years of age on or before September 1  
 2nd-8th - Successful completion of the previous grade
5. Elementary and middle school applicants must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Average of “C”, 78% or better, in all academic subject areas
  - b. Standardized test scores appropriate to the grade level
  - c. Behavior ratings of satisfactory or better
6. Admission will be based on the following priorities:
  - a. Currently enrolled students
  - b. Siblings of currently enrolled students
  - c. St. Anthony of Padua Parishioners – Priority will be given to parishioners who tithe a share of their time, talent and treasure to the parish. Stewardship will be verified through the parish office. Note that the use of offertory envelopes or electronic withdrawals for financial tithing are the only methods by which financial contributions can be verified. Families will be considered for admission using the earliest date of parish registration.
  - d. Families in other Catholic parishes and/or Catholic schools
  - e. Open registration
7. All new students are admitted on a probationary basis according to Archdiocesan policy.
8. Parents are expected to disclose to appropriate school personnel any significant information, which may affect their child’s education progress or the other students’ learning environment. Such information includes, but is not limited to, diagnostic evaluations, medications or specific family situations. Failure to disclose such significant information during the application process or as the situation changes may result in dismissal of their child.

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