

# Admission & Enrollment Policy

Assumption Catholic Schools is dedicated to educating students of all faiths in a Catholic, Christ-centered environment. As a school community we strive to fulfill our mission, to inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition.

Assumption Catholic Schools is a Catholic School in the Diocese of La Crosse. As a Catholic School we will teach and advocate our Catholic Faith. All students are welcome in our school, and all parents and legal guardians must understand that Catholic Doctrine will be taught. The passing on of our Catholic Faith is our number one priority.

Assumption Catholic Schools has the following additional admissions policies and procedures:

Students are accepted without regard to race, color, or national or ethnic origins. Children of all faiths are welcomed and expected to share in religious education.

## Order of Priority

After reaching the early enrollment deadline, ACS will determine if there are available places for all enrolled students. If there are more enrollments than places available, the following will be considered in order of priority:

1. Kindergarten through 12th grade students who are enrolled at ACS and in good standing on tuition and fees owed to ACS.
2. Siblings of Kindergarten through 12th grade students who are currently enrolled at ACS.
3. Active members of our supporting parishes (Holy Rosary, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Sacred Heart, St. Alexander, St. Joachim, St. James, St. Lawrence, Saints Peter and Paul, St. Philip, and St. Vincent de Paul) who are practicing Catholics.
4. Children of Assumption Catholic Schools employees.
5. Children enrolled at St. Lawrence Early Childhood Center.
6. Children enrolled in an ACS-based Wisconsin Rapids Area School District 4K program.
7. Family home address and school district boundaries for busing considerations.
8. Transfer from another Catholic school outside of the ACS system.
9. Date of application/first to enroll.

**C.** Wisconsin state guidelines for age and grade level will be followed in the admissions process.

**D.** An age-appropriate development and/or educational assessment by the principal and/or faculty may be given to students entering the school. This assessment assists in the placement of a child. Admission requirements include but are not limited to: review of previous school records, standardized tests, a meeting with the Enrollment & Tuition

Coordinator and/or member of the ACS Administrative Team, a school tour, and classroom visitation.

**E.** Due to the building and academic setting of mind, body, and spirit it may not be possible to accommodate the needs of all children. The admission process facilitates determining if ACS can provide a suitable educational program for the child seeking admission. We are participants in the SNSP(Special Needs Scholarship Program). If your child has academic or physical needs, please talk to the building administrator for more information on what resources may be available.

**F.** All transfer/new students are considered probationary students for the first twelve weeks after enrollment during this time, grades, attendance, and discipline are monitored, and the student may be dismissed if the student is unable to comply with school policy/ expectations or if staff is unable to meet the student's academic/behavioral needs. The probationary period may be extended if warranted.

**G.** Admission of students in one year does not guarantee readmission of that student in subsequent years. ACS may decide not to readmit a student in a subsequent year for any reason unless prohibited by Federal or State Civil Rights laws.

**H.** Class size is guided by the Enrollment and Class Offerings Policy and determined by the President. When a class is at capacity, all waiting list requests will continue to be considered by application date for future admission.

**I.** Students accepted into the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (School Voucher) who are new to ACS cannot displace other currently enrolled students from a building. Accommodations will be made to make sure there is room for the new students to be in a grade-appropriate class.

#### **Non-Discrimination Policy**

The educational institutions of the Catholic Diocese of La Crosse are subject to the limitations of the Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination and Employment Act, the Equal Pay for Equal Work Act, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Wisconsin Fair Employment Practices Act and do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, handicap, arrest and/or conviction record, marital status or sexual preference, except as permitted by law. The Assumption Catholic Schools Are Catholic Schools in the Diocese of La Crosse. As Catholic Schools, we shall teach and advocate our Catholic Faith. All students are welcome in our schools, and all parents/legal guardians must understand that Catholic Doctrine shall be taught. The passing on of our Catholic Faith is our number one priority.

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