

Admissions and Enrollment –

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' environment of education is centered around its mission and vision, including:

- *Mission:* To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition.
- *Vision:* A community of academic excellence, Catholic in spirit and culture, nurturing integrity and respect.

Students are expected to exhibit Assumption Catholic Schools' mission and vision by implementing its Standards of Excellence & Growth, including, as examples:

- Demonstrating a strong faith and love of God through prayer
- Supports the mission of the Catholic Church.
- Possesses principles of integrity including honesty, patience, fortitude, generosity, and self-control.
- Recognizes and fulfills responsibility to community, society, and the world.
- Affirms principles of loyalty, commitment, sacrifice, and trust.
- Recognizes and respects the dignity and achievement of others.
- Models Christian standards of ethical behavior in the workplace including charity toward others, respect for authority, pride in achievement, and the ability to be an effective team member.

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 Child Care Center.
6. Family home address and school district boundaries for busing considerations.
7. Transfer from another Catholic school outside of the ACS system.
8. 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. ACS participates 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 or expelled 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.

For students-applicants who were subject to dismissal or expulsion greater than two complete semesters prior to seeking admission at ACS (or re-admission if the dismissal or expulsion was by ACS), the student-applicant may seek (re)admission to ACS if the student has been enrolled in an educational program in the time since the student's dismissal/expulsion and the student provides evidence of a change of behavior and conduct demonstrative of ACS' Standards of Excellence & Growth. Any student (re)admitted consistent with this policy will be on admission probation for a period of 18 weeks, during which time, any offense will result in immediate expulsion without an opportunity of readmission.

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. ACS must accept any student-applicants through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, pursuant to guidelines set forth by the Department of Public Instruction for schools participating in the WPCP, who are admitted into the program, including any students who have been expelled from a prior educational program. However, student-applicants admitted through WPCP, who have been expelled either from ACS or a different school in the previous academic year or previous years, on the first day of the upcoming academic year, may be expelled by ACS.

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