

Section 2 ADMISSION AND MEMBERSHIP

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ADMISSION INFORMATION:

Holy Name of Jesus School does not discriminate based on race, sex, color or nation of origin. The principal or pastor must approve all admissions.

Holy Name of Jesus School has a tuition based program for the school. Almost every Catholic school in the greater Harrisburg area has been following this model for many years.

The Pastor and Administration do not wish to exclude any Catholic student for lack of funds. There are scholarships available through the Neumann Scholarship Foundation of the diocese and the South Central Scholarship Organization. Families who believe that they will require assistance with their tuition need to apply to these groups as a first step. Additional parish scholarship support, beyond what these organizations can offer, will be considered on the basis of need as determined by the family's application. Applications for the scholarship programs may be obtained at the school office. Forms are due back to the school office no later than March 1.

Holy Name of Jesus School requires the following for admission to the school:

1. Application for admission/registration to the school (may be obtained from the school secretary)*
2. Student records** (if the admission is a transfer from a different school)
3. Age 5 by August 31st (for admission to Kindergarten)
4. Birth Certificate
5. Baptismal Certificate (not required for Preschool)
6. Copy of Medical Immunizations
7. Any legal documents (those having to do with custody, living arrangements, etc.)

*New registrations for Kindergarten and Preschool begin during Catholic School Week.

**Any admission from another school may require an interview with the principal.

After registration, we schedule kindergarten students for school readiness screening. Screening takes place in late spring and is done by our staff team. Those students, who have reached 5 years of age by August 31st, and indicate a readiness to learn as evidenced by the school readiness screening, will be accepted into Holy Name of Jesus School kindergarten. We also screen students entering Grade 1 to verify that the student is ready for this grade before placement. All new students for grade 1 must be 6 years of age by August 31st and indicate a readiness to learn.

Admission of all new students follows Diocesan Policy 5111.

SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP:

Holy Name of Jesus Parish welcomes and encourages all members, of appropriate ages, to register in our school. Holy Name of Jesus School includes parishioners living within the Parish boundaries in our membership according to their need and our ability to accommodate their request.

Holy Name of Jesus School will communicate the results of any assessments conducted prior to entrance and/or other reason for not accepting a student for admission to the school.

According to the policy of the Diocese of Harrisburg, students suffering from acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) may be admitted to diocesan schools. However, such admittance must meet the above academic criterion as well as receive unanimous approval from the screening committee. This committee is comprised of a representative from the diocesan Department of Education, the student's physician, a public health representative chosen by the school, the student's parents, and the school administrator and/or pastor. Holy Name of Jesus School follows Diocesan Policy 5150.