



Rationale

The Island Catholic Schools were established to provide an education for the Catholic students residing in the Diocese of Victoria.

Due to limited enrolments in Catholic schools it is necessary to ensure that all Catholics have the opportunity to enroll their children in a Catholic school before consideration is given to children of other denominations.

Policy

Priority will be given to Catholic students seeking admission to Catholic schools. Under certain conditions students of other faiths/denominations may be admitted.

Regulation

A. General

The following priorities will be adhered to in all Catholic schools in the Victoria diocese.

1. Siblings of Catholic students currently enrolled in an ICS school.
2. Siblings of non-Catholic students currently enrolled in an ICS school.
3. Children of Catholic families supporting Catholic parish(es) of the Diocese.
4. Children of staff and alumni (if not included in the above).
5. Children of Catholic families not supporting a parish of the Diocese.
6. Children attending an ICS Early Learning Programs (if not included above).
7. Children of non-Catholic families.

Children must be five years of age as of December 31 to start kindergarten.

Under special circumstances, children younger than five as of December 31 may be accepted if they meet certain criteria. An assessment must be carried out including: Readiness Assessment, observation at pre-school setting, and discussion with the pre-school care provider(s), etc. The final decision, to accept children younger than age five, rests with the Principal in consultation with the Superintendent. If a child under the age of five as of December 31 is accepted, the parents/guardians will be required to pay the government grant equivalent in addition to the tuition fees.



Delayed entry into Kindergarten may be considered (requested by a parent or suggested by the school) taking into account the child's birthdate, readiness level, special needs, social/emotional development and/or benefits of such a delay. An assessment may be carried out including: Readiness Assessment, observation at pre-school setting, and discussion with the pre-school care provider(s), etc. The final decision, to delay a child from starting Kindergarten, rests with the parent.

B. Regional High School

1. Siblings of Catholic students currently enrolled in the High School.
2. Siblings of Non-Catholic students currently enrolled in the High School.
3. Siblings of Catholic students currently enrolled in ICS feeder schools.
4. Siblings of Non-Catholic students currently enrolled in ICS feeder schools.
5. Children of Catholic families supporting Catholic parish(es).
6. Children of staff and alumni (if not included in the above).
7. Children of Catholic families not supporting a parish.
8. Children of non-Catholics families from other schools.

C. Verification of Catholicity

The following must be presented at the time of registration:

1. Baptismal certificate of the child (copy retained for file).
2. First Communion and Confirmation certificates (where applicable).

D. Verification of a Catholic Family Supporting a Catholic Parish

The following must be presented at the time of registration:

1. *Parish supporter form* if the family lives in the area
2. Letter from current pastor if moving in from out of town, province or country

E. Registration Deadlines

1. All Schools
2. Re-registrations: February 15

F. Deposit

1. A \$50.00 per student per school non-refundable admission fee is required upon application.
2. Upon acceptance of new families to CISDV a **non-refundable** deposit of the first month's tuition is required to be credited towards the annual fees.



Island Catholic Schools

STUDENT PERSONNEL

STUDENT ADMISSION

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