

Holy Cross Catholic School

"Crusaders for Christ"

Admission Policy for Preschool – 8th Grade

Holy Cross Catholic School under the direction of the Diocese of Rockford admits students of any race, gender, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally available to the students at Holy Cross. Students preparing to attend Holy Cross School must meet all requirements of Holy Cross Parish/School Policy, the Diocese and the State. The Pastor and Principal make the final determination in regards to admission and therefore that decision is final.

Admission Priority

- 1. Families currently enrolled at Holy Cross Catholic School.
- 2. Holy Cross parishioners that meet the school criteria: Attend Sunday Mass every week and on Holy Days of Obligation, contribute to Parish stewardship and participate in a Parish ministry.
- 3. Non-parishioners transferring from other schools that meet the school criteria at their Parish.

Admission Procedures and Priorities

All children entering Holy Cross's Three year old Preschool Program must be three years of age by September 1st. All children entering the Four year old Preschool Program must likewise be four years of age by September 1st. The children entering either preschool program must be toilet trained before entering the program.

All incoming Kindergartners must be five years old by September 1st. All First Grade students must be six years of age by September 1st. At all times, Holy Cross School reserves the right to refuse students whose individual needs cannot be met by our educational program.

Transfer Students

Students entering Holy Cross School from another school must present an official transcript of the grade level for which he/she is applying. A meeting with the Principal is required for transfer students who are entering $6^{th} - 8^{th}$ grade. Parents will be asked to sign a release of records form that allows the previous school to send cumulative files and health records for review.

Health Requirements

Students will NOT be able to attend school until ALL required health information is on file.

Requirements by Grade Level:

Preschool Students:

- Physical Exam (Parents please complete the yes/no questions, sign and date)
- Complete Immunization Record signed and stamped by a doctor: (4) DTaP, (3) Polio, (4) Hib, (3) Hep B, (1) MMR, (1) Varicella, (4) Pneumococcal
- Last dose of DTap and Polio (booster) must be given on or after the 4th birthday

Kindergarten Students (K):

- Physical Exam (Parents please complete the yes/no questions, sign and date)
- Complete Immunization Record signed or stamped by a doctor (5) DTaP, (4) Polio, (4) Hib, (3) Hep B, (2) MMR, (2) Varicella, (4) Pneumococcal
- Dental Exam on Illinois Form
- Eye Exam on Illinois Form dated within one year of the first day of school

Second Grade Students (2nd)

• Dental Exam on Illinois Form

First and Third Grade Students (1st, 3rd)

• Completed Immunization Record signed and stamped by doctor, including (3) DTap, (3) Polio, (2) MMR, (2) Hep B, (2) Varicella

Fourth and Fifth Grade Students (4th, 5th)

• Completed Immunization Record signed and stamped by doctor, including (3) DTap, (3) Polio, (2) MMR, (3) Hep B, (1) Varicella

Sixth Grade Students (6th)

- Physical Exam (Sports Physical not acceptable, separate physical needed) (Parents please complete the yes/no questions, sign and date)
- Complete Immunization Record signed and stamped by a doctor, *including* (1) Tdap, (1) Meningitis
- Dental Exam on Illinois form

Seventh and Eighth Grades (7th, 8th)

• Completed Immunization Record signed and stamped by a doctor, *including* (1) Tdap , (1) Meningitis (MCV4)

New Students

- Physical Exam on Illinois Form
- Complete/Current Immunization Record Stamped and signed by health care provider
- Dental Exam on Illinois Form
- Eye Exam on Illinois Form within 12 months of the first day of school

Medical Authorization Form

If your child needs to take medication during school, a new medication authorization form is needed each school year, please contact the school nurse for the form. No medications are given to students without proper authorization from a health care provider. If your child uses an inhaler for Asthma or an Epi-Pen for allergies, contact the school health staff.

NOW is the time to schedule appointments and immunizations! Please make appointments before July.

Birth Certificates/Baptismal Certificate

All students entering Holy Cross will need to provide an official Government issued Birth Certificate along with a copy of their Baptismal Certificate (if they were not baptized at Holy Cross Catholic Church).