



# St. Pius X Catholic School

*"Building Leaders for Christ"*

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## Mark Your Calendar

1/25 Student-led Mass at 10:15am to begin Catholic Schools Week

1/26-1/30 [Catholic Schools Week](#)

1/26 BINGO with students

1/27 Storybook Parade 8:30am in SPX Gym

Students from PreK-3 to 5th grade will present their class story to the school

1/29 Spelling Bee 2pm

1/30 Spirit Dress Day  
Students are allowed to wear an SPX Spirit shirt and blue jeans. Students who opt to not wear jeans, are to wear their regular uniform bottoms. All students must wear a closed toe shoe (either their regular school uniform shoes or tennis shoes)

Pep Rally 11:00am  
SPX Gym

Noon Dismissal (Ext. Day is available)

2/4 School Mass 8:15am

2/6 Gather 'round Holy Grounds

Parents are welcome to join us at Holy Grounds on Fridays from 7:30am until 8:05am, and then please join for daily Mass at 8:15am.

<https://school.stpiusxs.org/calendar>



100 Days of School



100 Days of learning



100 Days of growing our brains and our faith!



## Hope for the Future applications are OPEN

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Hope for the Future provides tuition assistance to families in need, giving their children the opportunity to receive a quality Catholic education.

Their mission is to ensure that financial barriers never prevent a child from receiving a Catholic education.

Apply TODAY at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

**Early Verification  
ends January 31st**

## Building Leaders for Christ Awards



In line with our Virtue program, after each School Mass, we recognize those students and staff members who exemplify our Mission Statement, Building Leaders for Christ.

We are pleased to announce

Margaret H.,  
Dean L.,  
Bennett V., and  
Dr. Rios

as this week's winners.

How will you be "caught" being a  
Leader for Christ?

**SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 25**

**School Mass at 10:15AM.**

**MONDAY**  
**JANUARY 26**

**Show off your Sports Pride!**  
**Wear a sports shirt**  
**or jersey with blue jeans.**

**CATHOLIC**  
**SCHOOLS**  
**WEEK**  
**2026**

**TUESDAY**  
**JANUARY 27**

**Book Character Day!**  
**3K-5th, class book.**  
**6th-8th, book character shirt**  
**with blue jeans.**  
**Storybook Parade at 8:30AM.**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**JANUARY 28**

**Wacky Socks/Hats with full-dress uniform.**  
**Spelling Bee Semi-Finals (participants only)**  
**in the cafeteria at 12:30PM.**

**THURSDAY**  
**JANUARY 29**

**Dress as a teacher Day!**  
**Spelling Bee Finals in the gym at 2:00PM.**  
**All are welcomed!**

**FRIDAY**  
**JANUARY 30**

**St. Pius X Spirit Day!**  
**Wear an SPX shirt with blue jeans.**  
**Winter Pep Rally 11:00AM.**

**FEB 4, 2026**  
Applications open

**MARCH 17, 2026**  
Application Close Date

# A GUIDE TO TEFA FOR FAMILIES

Senate Bill 2 established TEFA to help families access funds for approved educational expenses starting in 2026-27. With final rules released on November 25, 2025, families now have clarity on how the program will work.

**ELIGIBILITY**  
Any Texas resident **eligible for public school (PK-12)** may apply.  
This includes:  
• Children entering PK-12 who meet Texas eligibility  
• Students currently in public, private, or homeschool settings  
• Students with TEFA qualifying disabilities  
There is no income limit to apply, but awards are offered based on state priority groups.

**PRIORITY GROUPS**  
BASED ON THE FPL (FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL)

1	≤ 500% + Children with disabilities	2	≤ 200%
3	200% - 500%	4	≥ 500% (20% cap of total awards)

\*Public school students may have priority in this group.

**FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS**

Household Size	200% of FPL Yearly Income	500% of FPL Yearly Income
2	\$42,300	\$105,750
3	\$53,300	\$133,250
4	\$64,300	\$160,750
5	\$75,300	\$188,250
6	\$86,300	\$215,750
7	\$97,300	\$243,250

**ALLOWABLE EXPENSES**

Tuition/Fees	Books/Materials	Tutoring	Therapies	Meals	Assessments	Technology	Transportation
Participating Private Schools			Therapies not covered by government or private insurance.	Provided at school for a fee		10% Cap	Commercial Only
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

\*All purchases must be through the TEFA portal from approved providers.

**\$10,474**  
TEFA Funding Amount for the 20-27 School Year

Award per student (85% of public funding).  
Additional funding may be awarded based on a student's IEP for disabilities - up to \$30,000.

**PARENT:** As defined by Education Code, §29.351(5), a resident of this state who is a natural or adoptive parent, managing or possessory conservator, legal guardian, custodian, or other person with legal authority to act on behalf of a child.

**PARENT RESPONSIBILITY**  
Families must:  
• Use funds only for approved expenses  
• Not withdraw cash or request reimbursement  
• Keep receipts  
• Ensure annual testing (grades 3-12)  
• Report public school enrollment  
• Follow all TEFA rules

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**  
Choose **ONE** item from each column:

1 Proof of Residency • Lease, mortgage, or utility bill • Texas ID/driver's license • Voter registration • Government agency letter • Notarized affidavit	2 Proof of Citizenship • Birth certificate • U.S. passport • Naturalization certificate • DHS documents	3 Proof of Income • IRS transcript (if available) • Most recent tax return (2024) • Texas Workforce Commission income data
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**WHAT IF FUNDS RUN OUT?**  
If funds run out, eligible students go on a state waitlist. If more funds become available, awards may be offered mid-year, prorated, and begin the month after approval.

**WHAT'S NEXT?**  
When applications open on the Texas Computer Website, you will apply and select one approved school. Upon completion, eligibility will be determined. Awarding is expected to go out the first week of April. If your child is selected, you'll receive instructions to accept the award in the TEFA portal. Your child's TEFA account is then created so you can choose approved schools, providers, and services.

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TEXAS EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS  
SACATHOLICSCHOOLS.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

# Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) Guide has been released...

Click on the picture to view **"A Guide to TEFA—Final Rules"**

It's only a two page document, open it and learn more!

## SAVE THE DATE:

The online application for TEFA will open on **February 4, 2026**

In our classrooms, students learn that knowledge and faith go hand in hand—and that hope grows when we serve others with joy.

A Catholic education is a lasting gift. It shapes hearts and minds to see Christ in the world and respond with courage and love.

Learn more about how Hope for the Future and Texas Education Freedom Accounts can make Catholic education possible.

More information can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://archsa.org/catholic-schools/esa/>.

Learn more: [Texas Education Freedom Accounts \(TEFA\) also known as ESAs](#)

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## Continuous Enrollment

At **St. Pius X Catholic School**, we are proud to partner with families in the Catholic education of their children. In an effort to simplify the annual enrollment process, we have adopted **Continuous Enrollment**. **This means that once you enroll your child(ren) at St. Pius X, they will be considered enrolled until graduation, or until you notify us otherwise.** This agreement outlines the terms and expectations of Continuous Enrollment at St. Pius X Catholic School.

### Terms of Continuous Enrollment

1. **Automatic Re-enrollment** Beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year, all current students will be automatically re-enrolled for each subsequent school year unless a parent or guardian submits a written **Intent to Withdraw**.

2. **Annual Notification of Changes** Families will receive an annual notice of any updates to tuition, fees, or policies on or before Catholic Schools Week (last week in January). These changes will become part of this agreement unless a written intent to withdraw is submitted.

### 3. **Parishioner form**

A Parishioner form must be submitted to School Office each year in order to be considered for a **parishioner grant/scholarship**. This must be turned into the School Office by July of 2026. The SPX bookkeeper will send the School Office a list of all active, contributing SPX parishioners.

### 4. **Withdrawal Policy**

If a family chooses not to continue enrollment for the next school year, they must notify the school in writing **by March 1st** of the current school year. Notices must be sent to: [admissions@spxsa.org](mailto:admissions@spxsa.org). Failure to notify the school by this date may result in financial penalties, as outlined in the current tuition agreement.

### 5. **Tuition and Fees**

Tuition and fees are set annually and subject to change. By signing this agreement, you agree to comply with the school's tuition schedule and policies. **Each student will have the tuition rate posted to their 2026-2027 FACTS account, and then eligible grants/scholarships (if awarded) will be applied to the family's FACTS account.**

**This signed agreement must be returned to the School Office by the end of January.**

**Copies are available on our website [We are a Continuous Enrollment School | St. Pius X Catholic School | San Antonio, TX](#) and in the School Office. Thank you!**

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