



Student Acceptance Policy

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PRESCHOOL

Preschool students must be three to begin in our three year old program. Children must turn four by December 31st to enter our preschool four year old program. We offer multiple program options to meet the needs of families. All children must be potty-trained.

KINDERGARTEN

According to Connecticut State law, a child must turn 5 years of age by December 31st to be considered for Kindergarten. At St. James, we believe that children also need to be developmentally ready for Kindergarten. Therefore, before a child is accepted into our program, we conduct Brigance and Gessel screenings. Screening results are discussed with parents. Placement in Kindergarten is made with the child's level of development in mind. Children who need more time to mature will have an opportunity to be placed in our Preschool program. These children will be invited to join the Kindergarten program the following year with preferential acceptance if rescreening shows they are ready.

GRADE ONE

We believe that a child must be developmentally ready to succeed in Grade One. Therefore, before a student is accepted into our program, we conduct Brigance and Gessel screenings. Screening results are discussed with parents. A copy of your child's academic record is also needed.

GRADES TWO THROUGH EIGHT

Students are accepted for grades two through eight after meeting the following conditions:

1. An initial interview takes place between parent, student and principal.
2. The parent agrees to allow the applicant to visit his or her prospective class for a day which is mutually convenient.
3. The parent(s) agree to share all school records with the school.
4. Applicants for grades two through eight will be accepted for a probationary period of ninety (90) days in the areas of academics and discipline. The applicant must maintain satisfactory grades and personal discipline which does not impede his or her progress or the progress of his or her classmates. The probationary period may be adjusted at the discretion of the principal.

A formal letter will be sent to each family upon acceptance to St. James School. Upon receipt of your acceptance letter, families need to send in the non-refundable fees as listed in the Financial Contract within a two week period.