
ST. JAMES ACCEPTANCE POLICY

ACCEPTANCE TO PRESCHOOL

Preschool students must be the appropriate program age by the beginning of the school year. Children must be potty-trained and not diaper dependent prior to the start of school in the fall. We do not screen for Preschool admission.

ACCEPTANCE TO KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE ONE

The child must be developmentally ready for kindergarten or grade one, as determined by the Brigance and Gesell screening. Placement in kindergarten is made with the child's level of development in mind. Children who are found to need more time to mature will not be accepted to the program for the upcoming school year. We may, however, have an opportunity to place these youngsters in our Preschool program in order to allow them the time to grow and gain the necessary skills for kindergarten success. These children will be invited to return the following year with preferential acceptance if rescreening shows they are ready. We also require your child's report card and academic record (if applicable).

ACCEPTANCE TO 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 for review prior to admission.
4. Applicants for grades two through eight will be given reading and math tests to determine readiness for that grade.
5. Applicants for grades four through eight will be accepted for a probationary period of ninety (90) days in regards to academics and discipline. This means that 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.

