



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL-YEAR

TIMELINE

Sunday, October 29 (doors open at 11:40am)	<u>Open House: 12:00pm – 2:00pm</u> At the Open House, we will provide a general overview of our Elementary School program and its extracurricular offerings, discuss the application procedures in detail, allow you to see the school and meet our teachers, and have questions answered.
Monday, October 30	<u>Applications Available Online</u> For those unable to make it to the Open House, applications will be available online at https://valleycatholic.schooladminonline.com/portal
Friday, January 12	<u>Conclusion of Round One Admissions – Applications Due by 4:00pm</u> This is the initial deadline for consideration for enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications and other materials are due (see application and forms for full details). <u>Financial Aid Applications - due by 4:00pm</u> All applications must be completed through the FACTS website.
January 22 – February 16	<u>Class Visits for Grades 1-5</u> Student applicants will visit with their prospective classes. For example, an applicant who will be applying for a second-grade spot for the 2024-2025 school-year will visit with one of our current first grade classes as this is the grade-level group the student will potentially be joining in the fall. Our school office will be in touch to schedule a class visit once applications have been processed.
February 5 - 8	<u>Kindergarten Readiness Assessments</u> In order for the school to understand each applicant's readiness for kindergarten, our teachers conduct assessments during this time. Our school office will be in touch to communicate an appointment once applications have been processed.
Friday, February 23	<u>Admission Notices Sent to Applicants for Grades K-5 by Email</u> Positions are offered as openings occur, which could be immediately if a current family is not returning, later in the spring or summer, or even during the 2024-2025 school-year. Sometimes current families leave during the school-year because of job transfers or other unforeseen reasons. We keep waiting lists for an entire school-year, unless applicants ask to be taken off once the new school-year has started. New waiting lists are created each year. They do not carry over from year to year.
Wednesday, March 20	<u>New Student Registration Deadline</u>
Thursday, May 23	<u>New Family Orientation</u> New parent meeting for students who have been offered and have accepted an open spot for the 2024-2025 school-year.

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ADMISSION DETERMINATION

The grade-level readiness assessments, classroom visits, and information provided by report cards and test reports from an applicant's current school help us determine if a student meets Valley Catholic Elementary School's academic and behavioral admission criteria. Admission will be granted based on information from the items listed above and according to the following priorities:

1. Siblings of current students attending Valley Catholic Elementary School, Valley Catholic Middle School, or Valley Catholic High School
2. Children of SSMO Ministries Corporation or its affiliates employees
3. Children of Valley Catholic School alumni
4. Children from practicing Catholic families. Priority will be given to applicants attending Valley Catholic Early Learning School.
5. Children from non-Catholic or non-practicing Catholic families. Priority will be given to applicants attending Valley Catholic Early Learning School.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Yvonne Ayesiga, principal, by phone at (503)718-6505 or by email at yayesiga@valleycatholic.org and Julie Canoy, Administrative Assistant at (503) 718-6501 or jcanoy@valleycatholic.org

ADMISSION CRITERIA

At Valley Catholic Elementary School, applications for admission of new or former students are filed during the registration period for the year in which admission is sought. The registration deadline will be designated and communicated on a yearly basis. Applicants must reapply every year.

Students entering kindergarten must be five years of age as of September 1 of the school year in which they wish to enroll, and students entering first-grade must be six years of age as of September 1 as well. Students are not accelerated through grades at Valley Catholic Elementary School.

New or former students must meet all school admissions requirements. All new or former students will be on a probation period of one semester. During or at the end of this period, an evaluation by the principal and the teacher(s) will determine continued enrollment eligibility. Limited resources compel the school to limit admission to those who are compatible with the school's academic and social standards. Therefore, admission is at the discretion of the school administration. The family of any student(s) who have previously left Valley Catholic Elementary School and are indicating a desire to return must confer in person with the principal. In this meeting, the family will be asked to affirm their support of the mission and philosophy of the school before readmission will be considered.

If a question arises as to a student's specific learning or behavior needs after enrollment, the school will contact the parents and an appropriate assessment will be made. If the administration determines that the school program cannot provide the best education for the special needs of the student, the school will make recommendations to a school that will better serve the student's needs. If it is discovered after enrollment that information about a student that would affect his/her learning has been omitted or misrepresented, and the school discovers that it cannot meet the student's needs, the parent may be asked to withdraw the student and place him/her in another school better equipped to help the student succeed.

If the school determines that a student's behavior is such that his/her education or the education and safety of other students is jeopardized, he/she may be asked to withdraw from the school after consultation with the student's teacher and the student's parents. It is the sole discretion of the school to dismiss students at any time. Maintaining a safe, nurturing school is of paramount importance to us as we carry out our mission.