

SVdP Kindergarten Enrollment Policies and Procedures

Thank you for choosing St. Vincent de Paul School for your children. This letter is written to explain the process used to select our kindergarten students and assign positions on our Waiting List. Only 90 children can be accepted for our kindergarten class of 2021-2022.

All families wishing to enroll their children in St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School must first meet the following criteria on an annual basis:

- Be a registered member in St. Vincent de Paul Parish **or** a member in another Catholic parish **or** other denominational church or Religion.
- Demonstrate active participation in parish/school life by offering of Sunday contributions and volunteering in parish/school activities.

The initial criteria being met, decisions on enrollment priority shall be made as follows:

1. Students who are currently enrolled in St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School;
2. Prospective students who have other family members currently enrolled in St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School;
3. Prospective students whose families have met the basic criteria for a minimum of one year. Priority within this category shall be given to families whose oldest child is entering Kindergarten. Date of registration in St. Vincent de Paul Parish or application to the school is used as a deciding factor;
4. Prospective students whose families are transferring to St. Vincent de Paul having been a registered active member of another Catholic parish will be given individual consideration based upon agreement with the Pastor/Principal of St. Vincent de Paul Parish and compliance with the criteria noted above;

Some helpful hints:

- Fill out the online application forms carefully, thoroughly, and promptly. Please feel free to contact us with additional information if needed. Please avoid the use of personal names so that families are considered based on qualifications and not on name recognition.
- Please be as specific as possible in your description of past and present involvement in St. Vincent de Paul and/or previous parishes. Indicate the number of years and the amount of time per month or year devoted to your involvements.
- If you have questions or if there are some special circumstances that you would like to discuss, contact the parish or school office to set up an appointment before February 1st.
- If we indicate to you that you are on the Waiting List, ***please don't panic***. It's our experience that as we near the end of May, several openings may occur due to families moving or decisions to delay enrollment of their children for another year.