

## **ADMISSION POLICY/Preschool – 8th**

The primary purpose of the school is to extend and deepen the Catholic faith and to prepare the students to live as Catholic adults in a community inspired by faith. However, students of religious denominations other than Catholic may be admitted when there is space available.

- ✠ No child shall be denied admission to St Malachy solely on the basis of race, gender, color, religion, national or ethnic origin.
  
- ✠ All Catholics within parish boundaries must be registered in St. Malachy Parish before they register in school.
  
- ✠ All parents must be willing to fulfill their service contract obligation.
  
- ✠ Students entering Pre-School must be three years of age on or before September 1st of that year. Contact the school for details.
  
- ✠ A child entering Kindergarten must be five years of age on or before September 1st of that year. St. Malachy School offers a pre-kindergarten screening.
  
- ✠ All students entering St. Malachy School must show written evidence from a doctor or clinic of having received proper immunization and a vision exam.

(See section on School Physical.)

- ✠ Students transferring from another school must have records to previous academics and a medical record completed in our school office along with the application with enrollment before acceptance is considered.

### **Priority of Admission**

- ✠ Returning students (including preschool students) or students with older siblings currently attending:
  - 1) whose families are registered members of St. Malachy Parish,
  - 2) who regularly participates at mass and in parish life,
  - 3) meets their financial obligations to the church.
  
- ✠ A first time student whose family is a registered member of St. Malachy Parish whom regularly participates at mass, in parish life, and meets their financial obligations to the church.
  
- ✠ Students returning to the school from the previous year, and who are in good standings with the school.
  
- ✠ Students of families that are active parishioners of other parishes.
  
- ✠ Non-parishioners with older children who have attended St. Malachy School.
  
- ✠ Non-parishioners registering their first child.

**Exceptions:** The pastor and the principal are authorized to make discretionary exceptions to these admission policies. They will inform the Education Commission of 4

the exceptions made and the reasons, while limiting the details where confidentiality is appropriate.

**The Non-Catholic pupil at St. Malachy School is expected to:**

- ✠ Understand, and be willing to support actively the philosophy and goals of the school.
- ✠ Attend and be evaluated in religion class. These classes are an integral part of the life of the school. During religion class students are assisted in the understanding of the basic teachings of Christ and the Church.
- ✠ Attend school liturgies.