



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Who attends Catholic High School?

Seven hundred and forty-four boys now attend Catholic High. About 55% of our boys are Catholic; 45% are boys of other faith traditions.

## How much does it cost to attend Catholic High School?

Tuition for the 2019-20 school year is \$5,300.00/year for Catholics. It is \$6,300.00/year for boys of other faith traditions. The difference in the tuition costs arises from the fact that we are a Catholic school whose area Catholic parishes were instrumental in building the present facility. Registration and book fees range from \$250.00 to \$600.00 each year. Parents may pay tuition yearly, by semester, or by monthly automatic draft. It is likely that tuition for 2020-2021 will reflect an increase in the costs of maintaining our curriculum. There is no building fee or activity fee.

Inability to pay full tuition should not deter a boy from applying for admission. Those wishing information related to tuition assistance should see Mrs. Susie Barlow, our Financial Administrator, at sbarlow@lrchs.org, or Mr. Steve Straessle. Deadlines are strictly enforced.

## What is your grading scale?

A= 90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79  
D=60-69 F=below 60

Students are ranked according to their cumulative percentage grade-point average. Catholic High, selective in admissions, offers only college-preparatory courses.

Starting in the fall of 2020, Catholic High will offer an Advanced Placement (AP) Curriculum. While the majority of our classes have always been taught at a college preparatory level, we understand that college admissions has changed. Adding AP classes to our already rigorous curriculum makes for a more challenging atmosphere as well as added weight to college applications.

## How is Catholic High School governed?

Ultimately, as a Catholic institution, Catholic High is under the auspices of the Bishop of Little Rock and his representative on campus, Rector Msgr. Lawrence Frederick. Catholic High's day-to-day operations are administered by its principal, Mr. Steve Straessle. Mrs. Theresa Hall is the Diocesan Superintendent of Schools and is directly responsible to the Bishop of Little Rock for the successful administration and supervision of the Catholic schools in the state. Catholic High has a consultative board which functions as a school board to the principal. Board members include Rector Msgr. Lawrence Frederick, Mr. Mike Barron, Mr. Chris Blackmon, Mr. Marvin Boyd, Mr. Keith Calderera, Mrs. Patty Enderlin, and Mr. Billy Hartnedy.

## How do I proceed if I wish my son to attend Catholic High School?

If your son is now attending a Catholic parochial school:

1. Your son takes the entrance exam on February 1, 2020 at 9:00 am. There is no need to sign up for the test beforehand.
2. After the exam results have been reviewed, Mr. Straessle may have interviews with several boys and their parents. This is to address issues that may deter desired progress at CHS.
3. Parents will receive a letter notifying them of their son's acceptance or rejection to Catholic High for the 2020-2021 school year, as well as the status of the boy's acceptance.
4. Boys and their parent(s) attend the April 7, 2020 orientation meeting.

If your son is now attending other than a Catholic parochial school:

1. Fill out an application available to you from the school office. Send the completed form and a check for \$25.00 to CHS.
2. Your son takes the entrance exam on February 1, 2020 at 9:00 am. There is no need to sign up for the test beforehand.
3. Parents will receive a letter notifying them of their son's status for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Those boys who are accepted will attend the April 7 orientation meeting with their parent(s).

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## How does my son prepare for the entrance exam?

Catholic High accepts students from twenty-two junior high schools with varying grading practices and criteria for promotion to the next grade level. The entrance exam is designed to provide a foundation by which the academic progress of each student can be assessed. It is not a “pass-fail” exam. Instead, it is designed as an instrument to help us predict the potential for success in Catholic High’s rigorous system. Your son should not fret about the exam, but he should most certainly take it seriously. In fact, we require that your son do the following on entrance exam day:



1. He is to wear khaki pants, a button-down shirt, and a tie. This dress code reinforces from the outset that Catholic High is a place where education is serious business. Don't worry. He'll fidget at first and then view his new attire as a source of pride.
2. Any boy currently enrolled in a Catholic parochial school should bring a \$5.00 testing fee.
3. He should bring a #2 pencil.
4. Your son should arrive by 8:30 a.m. to begin check-in. The exam will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will last approximately three hours.
5. The exam will take place in the school auditorium on the second floor of the building. We will have current students available to assist the boys before and after test time.



***Welcome To Catholic  
High School For Boys***