

# **ADMISSION POLICY**

As per the policy of the Superintendent's office for all Catholic Schools in the Vancouver Archdiocese; the following is the priority list for admission to St. Helen's School.

For purposes of this policy, “practicing Catholics” shall mean those individuals who are registered in a parish and attend Sunday Mass regularly, “active in a parish” shall mean those who support the parish by using envelopes (no minimum amount specified) and participate in the work activities required of them.

1. Children presently enrolled in the school if they and their families meet the expectations of the school.
2. Siblings of children already in the school whose families are practicing Catholics and active in our parish.
3. Children whose families are practicing Catholics active in our parish.
4. Siblings of children already in the school whose families are practicing Catholics active in other parishes.
5. Children whose families are practicing Catholics coming into the parish who have been attending Catholic school elsewhere.
6. Children whose families are practicing Catholics active in other parishes.
7. Children whose families are either not practicing Catholics or not active in their parishes.
8. Non-Catholics. Once accepted into the school, non-Catholics need only meet the criteria expected of other students to be re-admitted in subsequent years. Siblings of non-Catholics cannot be given priority over Catholics.

\* It is the Pastor's prerogative and responsibility to decide upon an admission of a family where there is financial difficulty and/or inability to participate in the Participation Program. The Pastor may decide to grant them "Special Consideration".

## **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION**

It is the policy of St. Helen's School that no child will be refused a Catholic education because of financial difficulty. If your family is experiencing financial hardship, you should contact your pastor to discuss financial assistance in helping you to meet your tuition payments. It is also accepted that there may be a serious problem prohibiting a family from participating in the Participation Program. The pastor, on an individual case basis, will determine the assistance to needy families.