

PowerSchool registration is now available

PowerSchool Registration is now available for all Xavier Catholic Schools families. You are welcome and encouraged to start this process at this time; however, date of family registration with Xavier Catholic Schools will determine enrollment priority if the student is at the same priority level as other prospective students in the event of high demand for placement in a specific grade level. Additionally, time of received registration materials will be used in situations where capacity limits enrollment; this process is used when priority levels are not in effect.

In order for enrollment to be considered complete, all Power School Enrollment Express forms must be submitted and/or accepted (yellow and green leaves will indicate these statuses). **Deadline to complete the registration process is March 29, 2024 for priority enrollment. After March 29, 2024 all registration materials are accepted on a first come, first served basis.**

A final deadline will be in June, at which point communication will be shared with families closer to this deadline. The updated Xavier Catholic Schools admissions and enrollment policy can be found below.

Any questions should be directed to the individuals listed below:

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2024-2025 Xavier Catholic Schools Tuition

It is with great appreciation that we reach out to you, as parents/guardians of students at Xavier Catholic Schools. This past year has been filled with growth in faith, knowledge, and the desire to serve our community. As we begin the new calendar year, leadership has already begun planning for another great school year in 2024-2025, this time as a collective school system, Xavier Catholic Schools. As part of the systemization transition, communications will be sent as appropriate; this tuition letter is the first of these.

Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, the ESA program made funds available “to support the success of every K-12 student in Iowa.” The program allows families to use those funds for the school of their choice. In order to serve students with excellent teachers and programs, it is prudent for us to utilize the funds generated by students in the ESA program. Simply, it is the intent of the ESA program that the funds be used for the education of the students for whom they are generated.

Our schools will use a tuition contract as has been used in previous years. Like other years, the tuition contract will show the projected 2024-2025 per pupil cost to educate a child at each school. It will also include the various line items for assistance such as parish subsidy, STO, ESA, and local tuition assistance.

ESAs will be available based on the following eligibility:

YEAR 1 (2023-2024)	YEAR 2 (2024-2025)	YEAR 3 (2025-2026)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Kindergarten students.• All public school students.• Private school students at or below 300% of Federal Poverty Level (\$90,000 for a family of four).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Kindergarten students.• All public school students.• Private school students at or below 400% of Federal Poverty Level (\$120,000 for a family of four).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All K-12 students in Iowa. <i>Regardless of income.</i>

During this time of transition each currently acting school board and/or pastoral coordinator is providing the necessary approvals with regards to policies and procedures. One of the most recent actions by the school boards is the approval of the 2024-2025 Xavier Catholic School tuition rates. In an effort to ensure

consistency throughout the eight schools, leadership has worked tirelessly to determine a tuition amount that is fair and equitable at each grade span. These amounts can be found below.

2024-2025 tuition rates are:

			In-Parish Tuition	Out-of-Parish Tuition
Elementary Schools				
	All Saints	K-5	\$6,800	\$7,700
	LaSalle	K-5	\$6,800	\$7,700
	St. Matthew	K-5	\$6,800	\$7,700
	St. Pius	K-5	\$6,800	\$7,700
	St. Joseph	K-8	\$6,800	\$7,700
Middle Schools				
	LaSalle	6-8	\$7,000	\$7,700
	Regis	6-8	\$7,000	\$8,150
High School				
	Xavier	9-12	\$7,700*	\$11,800*

Returning families not yet eligible for an ESA will be provided additional tuition assistance and their final balance for tuition will be what it would have been prior to ESA implementation. The out of pocket cost for returning families not yet eligible for an ESA has been increased to \$4,400 (in-parish) and \$7,500 (out-of-parish), after additional tuition assistance.

One such change of systemization and the inclusion of all ten Cedar Rapids metro parishes into a single entity is the defining of terms in-parish and out-of-parish. For the purposes of clarity, please note the following definitions for each:

- In-Parish: The following parishes generously support Xavier Catholic Schools and include students from families who are registered and confirmed members of the following:
 - All Saints, Immaculate Conception/St. Wenceslaus, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. John XXIII, St. Joseph, St. Jude, St. Ludmila, St. Matthew, St. Patrick, St. Pius X
- Out-of-Parish: Students from families who are registered and confirmed at other Catholic parishes outside of the Cedar Rapids metro area and families of other faiths

All families are encouraged to sign up for ESA program alerts at <https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/education-savings-accounts>

2024-2025 Xavier Catholic Schools Admissions and Enrollment Policy

	<p>Admissions and Enrollment Policy</p>	<p>Policy Number 1001 <i>Students</i></p>
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Admission (already present in handbook)

Children who are five years of age by September 15 are eligible to enroll for entrance into kindergarten. Children who are six years of age by September 15 are eligible to enroll for entrance into the first grade. Exceptions to this policy are not allowed. (ACSB Policy 5112)*

Families are charged tuition for each student attending any of the Xavier Catholic Schools. As a student, they are considered a part of the Xavier Catholic School community. Xavier Catholic Schools will accept

students of any religious conviction. The student will be included and expected to participate in all activities scheduled as part of the class day, even those of a religious nature.

Admissions Policy

Xavier Catholic Schools early childhood programming, elementary schools, middle schools, and high school are open to all families who seek a Catholic education. The programs include:

Early childhood programming (including preschool)

- All Saints (2 year old - 4 year old preschool)
- LaSalle Catholic (2 year old - 4 year old preschool)
- St. Joseph (3 year old - 4 year old preschool)
- St. Matthew (infant - 4 year old preschool)
- St. Pius (infant - 4 year old preschool)

Elementary schools

- All Saints (kindergarten - 5th grade)
- LaSalle Catholic (kindergarten - 4th grade)
- St. Joseph (kindergarten - 5th grade)
- St. Matthew (transitional kindergarten - 5th grade)
- St. Pius (transitional kindergarten - 5th grade)

Middle schools

- LaSalle Catholic (5th - 8th grade)
- Regis (6th - 8th grade)
- St. Joseph (6th - 8th grade)

High school

- Xavier (9th - 12th grade)

Xavier Catholic School is generously supported by the following parishes; preference will be given to students of the Catholic faith that are members of these parishes:

- All Saints, CR
- Immaculate Conception/
St. Wenceslaus, CR
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Hiawatha
- St. John XXIII, CR
- St. Joseph, Marion
- St. Jude, CR
- St. Ludmila, CR
- St. Matthew, CR
- St. Patrick, CR
- St. Pius X, CR

Admissions Priorities

The following provides guidance on enrollment decisions in the case of limited enrollment or waitlist situations at certain grade levels. Priority enrollment is given to:

1. Currently-enrolled infant - 11th grade Xavier Catholic School students in an early childhood center, preschool, and/or school who continues enrollment at current school or next school in the case of elementary to middle school or middle school to high school transitions.
2. Children of Xavier Catholic School employees who:
 - a. Have siblings in that school
 - b. Have siblings in another Xavier Catholic School
 - c. Have no siblings in the system

3. Students from families who are registered and confirmed members of any Xavier Catholic School supporting parish who: (see list above)
 - a. Have siblings in that school
 - b. Have siblings in another Xavier Catholic School
 - c. Have no siblings in the system

4. Currently-enrolled infant - 11th grade Xavier Catholic School students in an early childhood center, preschool, and/or school who wishes to enroll at another Xavier Catholic School
 - a. Have siblings in that school
 - b. Have siblings in any other Xavier Catholic School in the previous year
 - c. Have no siblings in the system

5. Students from families who are registered and confirmed at other Catholic parishes outside of the Cedar Rapids metro area who:
 - a. Have siblings in that school
 - b. Have siblings in another Xavier Catholic School
 - c. Have no siblings in the system

6. Students from families of other faiths who:
 - a. Have siblings in that school
 - b. Have siblings in another Xavier Catholic School
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