

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

K-Grade 5



When are elementary school applications to St. Benedict Preparatory School accepted?

Applications for elementary school are accepted on a rolling basis. There is no application deadline. However, we do recommend a kindergarten application submission by December 20th for the following school year.

What is the admissions process for kindergarten?

Applications are accepted throughout the school year. We begin to notify families of acceptance in early spring. The kindergarten spot is secured once a copy of the birth and baptismal certificate (if applicable) is submitted and the enrollment fee (\$200) and new family fee (\$500) is paid.

What is the admissions process for grades 1-5?

- Submit the elementary school application, including the teacher and administrator recommendation forms for grades 1-5, academic records, and the \$100 application fee.
- If a student has been diagnosed with a learning disability and/or requires special classroom accommodations, parents or guardians need to provide a copy of the student evaluation/IEP/504 plan to be reviewed by the SBPS Inclusion Team before the admissions process can continue.
- Interview with the Head of Elementary School Grades 1-5.
- When school is in session, prospective student spends a “Shadow Day” at SBPS (required for grades 3-5; strongly encouraged for grades 1 & 2).
- Family will be notified of acceptance or denial once the admissions process is complete.

Do you prioritize applications?

Yes. Applications are filed by the date received within the following categories:

1) siblings of current students; 2) current St. Benedict parishioner families; 3) Catholic families from other parishes; 4) all other applicants.

What is the student to teacher ratio in the elementary school?

The student to teacher ratio in kindergarten is 10:1 with a certified teacher and aide in each classroom. The student to teacher ratio in grades 1-5 is 21:1 with a certified teacher in each classroom.

How many classrooms are there at each grade level?

For the 2015-2016 school year, there are:

- 5 Kindergarten classrooms
- 5 First Grade classrooms
- 4 Second Grade classrooms
- 4 Third Grade classrooms
- 3 Fourth Grade classrooms
- 4 Fifth Grade classrooms

What are the hours for elementary school?

The elementary school doors open at 7:40 am. The school day begins at 8 am and dismisses at 3 PM (2 PM early dismissal on Tuesday).

Is there before-school and after-school care available?

Yes. Before school care (7 am – 7:40 am) and after school care (dismissal to 6 PM) are available for an additional cost. Please see the extended care fee schedule for more information.

Do students in elementary school wear uniforms?

Yes. The dress uniforms and gym uniforms are purchased on-line through Land's End. The SBPS school code is 900079146.

What special classes are offered in elementary school?

The core subjects in the elementary school are Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Religion. Special classes are Spanish, Physical Education, Library, Art, Music, and Computer Lab.

Is lunch included in the elementary school program?

No, lunch is not included in the elementary school tuition. Lunch is available for purchase on a daily basis or students can bring a lunch from home. Lunch is prepared by Quest Food Services.