



Follow the timeline and checklist below to apply and enroll in a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

2019/2020 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE AND CHECKLIST

September – November of 8th Grade

- Attend open houses at all of the Catholic high schools you may be interested in.
- Share your contact information at on-site school elementary visits or high school fairs.
- Speak with your parents about what kind of high school may be right for you (large, small, co-ed, single gender).
- Attend shadow days, sporting events and fine arts performances at the high schools you are interested in.
- Take entrance exam prep classes if offered at your elementary school.
- Contact the high school where you plan on taking the entrance exam to discuss special testing accommodations, if needed.
- Register for the entrance exam at **only** your first choice high school (beginning on November 22, 2019). See the school's website for registration information.
- Begin to explore financial aid opportunities and/or scholarships offered by the high school or outside organizations.

December of 8th Grade

- Take the entrance exam (HSPT - High School Placement Test) on **Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 8 a.m.** at your first choice high school.
- If you have not already paid online when registering, bring \$25 and two Number 2 pencils on the day of the exam.
- Submit release of records forms to your elementary school immediately following the exam.
- Contact the first choice school to register for a make-up date if you did not take the entrance exam on Dec. 7 at an Archdiocesan Catholic high school. **Note:** *Students who tested at an Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic high school are **not eligible** to take the make-up at any other Archdiocesan high school.*
- Complete the financial aid application according to the guidelines and deadlines established by the high school.

January – March of 8th Grade

- Follow the application process for the school at which you tested.
- Be aware of the date of acceptance letters will be sent as indicated by the school at which you tested.
- Communicate any questions you may have with the admissions office or school administration.
- Be attentive to the registration process for the high school at which you were accepted.
- Register at the high school at which you were accepted.

March – May of 7th Grade

- Look for opportunities to attend 7th grade shadow days at the high schools you are interested in.
- Attend open houses at all of the Catholic high schools you may be interested in.
- Register for and attend any special athletic clinics/competitions, academic/fine arts opportunities that the Catholic high schools provide.
- Check out the Archdiocesan website to find the location of Catholic high schools in your area and also access links to the high schools' individual websites.

June – August of Incoming 8th Grade

- Attend summer athletic, academic and fine arts camps.
- Checkout the various school websites to find out more information about curriculum, programs, clubs and extracurricular opportunities.
- Speak with current students or alumni about their experience at the school.
- Contact the high school for an individual school tour.