



## **Divine Mercy Academy Admissions Policy**

The main purpose of our existence is to assist you, the parent, in preparing your children for a life of sainthood. To this end, our admissions policy seeks to create and maintain an energetic and vibrant Catholic culture at Divine Mercy Academy where students see the value in living holy lives and these actions and decisions are encouraged and supported by the teachers, parents, and other children.

### "Basic Criteria" for Acceptance:

- The applicant comes from a practicing Catholic family. For non-Catholics please see note below on the acceptance of non-Catholic students.
- Through a family interview and/or interactions with the family, it can be reasonably shown that the family will support the program at our school.
- The family is financially capable of paying fees and tuition and/or in some way able to contribute to the success of the school.
- The family can provide report cards and samples of student work for the last two Years (for children entering second grade and above).

Catholic students are given first priority. Non-Catholic students may also be considered for admission. For Catholic and Non-Catholic Families alike:

- What we teach and how we teach must be accepted by the applicant and the family.
- The foundations of our curriculum are posted on this webpage. Please read it carefully if you are not Catholic. Once admitted, if the student or parent finds that the curriculum is problematic for them, the student and parent must understand that the curriculum will not be changed for any reason due to their objections or disagreement.
- The religious program will apply, in every feature, where permissible by Church Law, to each student. This means that:
  - Catholic students will be required to abide by both the Ten Commandments and the Precepts of the Church.
  - Non-Catholic students will be required to take all religion classes and to attend all services and say all prayers that are attended and said by Catholic students.
  - Parents of a non-Catholic student must agree that their child will be taught the Catholic Faith and may, upon this exposure, may want to convert to Catholicism.
  - The student's family must be in a valid marriage. The criteria for determining the validity of the marriage is the Code of Canon Law.



## **Behavioral Expectations for students at Divine Mercy Academy**

Children enrolled at Divine Mercy Academy will be expected to adhere to the Salesian Way. We use these six simple principles to guide us in ensuring our behavior aligns with our ultimate goal – sainthood.



## **The Salesian Way**

1. I will be cheerful.
  2. I will do my duties well.
  3. I will stay close to Jesus in the Eucharist.
  4. I will honor and love Mary as my  
Mother and Helper.
  5. I choose to be kind.
  6. I want to serve rather than to be served.
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