

## ***Admission Standards and Requirements***

SMS is a nondiscriminatory school open to all children aged 5 through 14. Although our school is neither equipped nor staffed to offer certain special education services, we have access to the special needs programs available through Los Angeles Unified School District. Special testing for learning or behavioral problems is also available through the local school districts. Where special needs are identified and programs/procedures are prescribed, the faculty and administration will evaluate our ability to provide an optimal learning environment **for all children in the classroom**.

Because there are limited openings at each grade level, the following criteria will strongly influence a student's eligibility for admission:

Relationship to currently enrolled students (sibling preference)

- Family membership in Saint Mark Parish
- Other Catholic/Christian affiliation
- Commitment to Catholic education through the elementary years

## ***Admission Interview and Evaluation***

All applicants and their parents/guardians will be interviewed by an administrator and/or classroom teacher prior to admission, and complete a reading and mathematical skills evaluation.

Final admission is based upon the following submissions to SMS:

- Completed application for admission
- Interview and academic evaluation of grade-level readiness
- Approval for release of prior academic records
- Completed medical report
- Registration fee (non-refundable)

In questionable cases, the Administration reserves the right to withhold admission or grade placement to any child pending the results of placement tests, visits with counselors, or the consideration of further information that may aid the Administration in considering the best interests of the child and the classroom.