

Catholic Secondary Schools Admissions Policy

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The Grand Rapids Catholic Secondary Schools (“GRCSS”, “we”, “our”) strive to provide a Catholic, college-preparatory high school education to any student who desires one. To ensure that Catholic Central or West Catholic fits the needs of the applicant, each student is thoroughly reviewed through a selective admissions process. We base our decisions on the following general criteria:

- Overall academic performance, including behavioral and attendance records.
- Recommendations of current principal and teachers.
- Results of the placement test.
- Applicant’s commitment to Catholic Central or West Catholic High School.

Policy:

The following minimum requirements shall be met in order to receive unconditional admittance into our high schools:

- Completed GRCSS entrance application.
- Completed High School Placement Test (HSPT). A minimum composite HSPT score of the 20th percentile shall be achieved.
- Seventh and eighth grade report cards. A minimum grade of 82.5% in each of the following core courses – English (including Composition), Math, Science, Social Studies and Reading – shall be achieved.
- Satisfactory junior high school teacher evaluation form.
- Satisfactory junior high school administrator evaluation form.

Applicants meeting all of these requirements shall be unconditionally admitted into our high schools.

If an applicant does not qualify for unconditional admission, his/her application materials shall be forwarded to an Admissions Committee consisting of appropriate school personnel for further consideration. A decision to admit such applicant shall be primarily based upon, but not limited by, the following factors:

- Successful completion of grades 7 and 8.
- Grades in individual core course subject areas, including English (including Composition), Math, Science, Social Studies and Reading for seventh and eighth grades.
- HSPT scores in all areas.
- Equivalencies for grade level in all subject areas as determined on the HSPT.
- The strength of teacher and administrator recommendations.

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The Admissions Committee, in its sole discretion, shall have the latitude to choose one of the following courses of action after completing its review of the application materials:

- Accept the applicant unconditionally.
- Accept the applicant on a probationary basis, which may include requirements to successfully complete summer or other remedial programs provided by or at the designation of the Admissions Committee.
- Deny the applicant admission to our schools.

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