

ENROLLMENT POLICY

Emmaus Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, tuition policies, and athletic and other school administered programs.

Emmaus Lutheran School is maintained primarily for the Christian training of the children of Emmaus Lutheran Church. Such children, therefore, have first consideration in enrollment. Next in order, when space is available would be children of parents of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church/Missouri Synod that have an association with Emmaus Lutheran School. Following that would be siblings of students (nonmembers) presently enrolled in Emmaus Lutheran School and/or students enrolled in the preschool. After those children of parents of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church/Missouri Synod and children of unchurched parents will be given consideration. Finally, the children of parents of other denominations will be considered. In each of these groups listed above, preference is generally given to children in which all the eligible children in the family in K-8 are applying for enrollment in Emmaus Lutheran School. For entrance into kindergarten, preference will be given to those who show school readiness and maturity as evidenced by kindergarten entrance tests. The following principles govern enrollment:

1. The parents should be motivated primarily by the religious program of the school, and parent and child must agree to participate in the religious programs the school offers.
2. The parent(s) shall give assurance that they will cooperate with the school in all matters of program and policy.
3. Children who need extensive special services for learning disabilities, emotional impairments, etc., services which Emmaus does not provide, will not be allowed to enroll. In addition, a child whose presence is considered detrimental to other children will not be allowed to enroll.
4. All parents shall set up an interview time with the principal.
5. All parents shall provide a copy of the last report card, latest achievement test scores, other testing that may have been given, and finally an accumulative record from the previous school.
6. All pupils transferring from another school will be given tests in reading and math, (or readiness in those areas for students entering grade 1), to determine their current levels.
7. Pupils entering kindergarten must be five on or before August 1st of the year entering. A test will be administered to each kindergartner prior to acceptance to determine their readiness. The state also requires that a physical examination and up-to-date immunizations be provided before the beginning of school.
8. All students transferring from another school must have their immunizations updated and present a physical to the school.
9. The child=s acceptance is based upon meeting the qualifications given above, and upon the amount of classroom space available. In the event significant information is withheld or there is inaccuracy of information provided, and/or if upon receiving files from the student's previous school there is reason to be concerned about meeting the educational needs of the student, Emmaus reserves the right to reconsider the student=s acceptance.
10. All students who enter Emmaus Lutheran School are on a one semester probation.
11. In order to hold the place for the child a non-refundable deposit will be required. This deposit is \$100 per child. These deposits will be applied to the fees due. The deposit will be refunded only: (1) if the child is not accepted after testing and all previous school records are received; (2) if the child tested for kindergarten does not seem ready and the parent notifies the school within two weeks following the conference report on the testing that the child will not be entering kindergarten; (3) or if the family moves out of the area.