



## GRADES K-5

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **WHEN ARE GRADES K-5 SCHOOL APPLICATIONS TO ST. BENEDICT PREPARATORY SCHOOL ACCEPTED?**

Grades K-5 applications are accepted on a rolling basis. There is no application deadline. However, we do recommend a kindergarten application submission by January 15 for the following school year. Families will be notified of acceptance in late January. The online application can be found at [stbenedict.com](http://stbenedict.com) under the admissions tab.

### **WHAT IS THE ADMISSION PROCESS FOR KINDERGARTEN?**

Applications and the \$125 application fee are accepted throughout the school year. The kindergarten spot is secured once a copy of the birth certificate and baptism certificate (if applicable) are submitted and the \$225 enrollment fee and \$500 new family fee is paid. The \$500 new family fee applies only to families who are new to St. Benedict Prep.

### **WHAT IS THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS FOR THE GRADES 1-5?**

- Complete the online application, including the teacher and administrator recommendation forms, academic records, and the \$125 application fee.
- If a student has been diagnosed with a learning disability and/or requires special classroom accommodations, parent or guardians need to provide a copy of the student evaluation/IEP/504 plan to be reviewed by the SBPS Inclusion Team before the admissions process can continue.
- Interview with the Head of Lower or Upper School.
- When school is in session, prospective student spends a "Shadow Day" at SBPS (required for grades 3-5; strongly recommended for grades 1 & 2).
- Family will be notified of acceptance or denial once the admissions process is complete.

### **DO YOU PRIORITIZE APPLICATIONS?**

Yes. Applications are filed by the date received within the following categories:

1) siblings of current students; 2) current St. Benedict parishioner families; 3) Catholic families from other parishes; 4) all other applicants.

### **WHAT IS THE STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO IN GRADES K-5?**

The student to teacher ratio in kindergarten is 10:1 with a certified teacher and assistant in each classroom. The student to teacher ratio in grades 1-5 is 21:1 with a certified teacher in each classroom.

### **HOW MANY CLASSROOMS ARE THERE AT EACH GRADE LEVEL?**

For the 2023-2024 school year, there are:

- 3 Kindergarten classrooms
- 3 First Grade classrooms
- 3 Second Grade classrooms
- 3 Third Grade classrooms
- 3 Fourth Grade classrooms
- 3 Fifth Grade classrooms

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**WHAT ARE THE HOURS FOR GRADES K-5?**

The grades K-5 doors open at 7:40 am. The school day begins at 8 am and dismisses at 3 PM (2 PM early dismissal on Tuesday).

**IS THERE BEFORE-SCHOOL AND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE?**

Yes. Before school care (7 am – 7:40 am) and after school care (dismissal to 6 PM) are available for an additional cost. Please see the extended care fee schedule for more information.

**DO STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5 WEAR UNIFORMS?**

Yes. The dress uniforms and gym uniforms are purchased on-line through Land's End and/or Tommy Hilfiger (See Uniform Guidebook for links and information).

**WHAT SPECIAL CLASSES ARE OFFERED IN GRADES K-5?**

The core subjects in grades K-5 are Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Religion. Special classes are Spanish, Physical Education, Library, Art, Music, and STEM Lab Technology.

**HOW ARE STEM CONCEPTS INTEGRATED INTO THE CURRICULUM?**

STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) concepts and applications are integrated into regular units of learning beginning in the early childhood years. Extra-curricular enrichment programs, including Math Club, Robotics Club, Mad Science, and Art Club, also help support STEM integration. In addition, three designated STEM labs at the Lower School and Upper School levels support the critical thinking, creativity, and collaborations skills needed to enhance student learning.

**IS LUNCH INCLUDED IN GRADES K-5?**

No, lunch is not included in the grades K-5 tuition. Students can either bring their lunch from home or purchase a nutritious, made-from-scratch meal provided by HandCut Foods.