



November 13, 2023

Dear Prospective Kindergarten Family,

For the 2024-2025 school year, MTCES will offer early registration for new families. It is important for us to begin the planning process for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are considering sending your child to MTCES for **kindergarten** next year, please read through the details below.

Kindergarten Registration Details:

1. Eligibility: Kindergarten is open to all children who will turn five years old before September 30, 2024.
2. Registration Period: Early registration for kindergarten will be open for all **new families** from **November 13 - December 8**. Please note that MTCES is closed from November 20 - November 24 for Thanksgiving break. **We will not accept early applications after 12:00 PM on the December 8 deadline.** You will find out if your child has been accepted into the MTCES kindergarten program by December 15.
3. Required Documents: Application, copy of Birth Certificate and copy of Baptismal Certificate. The Parish Volunteer form is optional.
4. The non-refundable early entrance registration fee is \$250. A check or cash must accompany the application for kindergarten.
5. Kindergarten applications received after December 8 will be reviewed and admission decisions will be communicated on a rolling basis.

To be considered for early entrance into kindergarten, please submit the following forms to the MTCES office before 12:00 PM on December 8, 2023.

- ☐ Registration Form
- ☐ Copy of your child's birth certificate
- ☐ Copy of your child's baptismal certificate (if applicable)
- ☐ Parish and Volunteer Form (if applicable)
- ☐ \$250 non-refundable application fee

Thank you for helping us embrace this change in kindergarten registration. We appreciate your trust in MTCES and the opportunity for us to be a part of your child's educational experience.

Sincerely,

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KINDERGARTEN Registration 2024-2025

**Please fill out the information below to reserve a space in the kindergarten class for the 2024-2025 school year.
A copy of the Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate must accompany this new student registration.**

Grade for 2024-2025: **Kindergarten**

Student's Full Name:

Birthplace City/State:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Primary Phone Number:

Lives with (circle one): Both Mom Dad Other (please specify) _____

Birth Date:

Ethnicity collected according to the US Dept. of Education (circle one):

White (non-Hispanic)

Black (non-Hispanic)

Hispanic

Asian

American Indian/Native American

Alaskan Native

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Multiracial

Unknown/Not Specified

MTCES abides by the teachings and rules of the Catholic Church, and Faith is integrated into all aspects of the school's activities. According to the Catholic Faith, a person's sexual identity is rooted in one's biological identity as male or female. MTCES considers the gender of all students as being consistent with their biological sex, including participation in school athletics and teams, school-sponsored dances, dress and uniform policies, the use of changing facilities, showers, locker rooms, sleeping accommodations on trips, titles, names and pronouns, and school records. As an applicant/registrant and/or parent/guardian for admission to MTCES, I understand and agree to this policy. Please state your child's biological sex: Male____ Female____

Religion:

Parish:

Name of Preschool Child Attended:

Years Attended:

Please circle if your child has received:

IEP

ISP

MFE

504

Action Plan

Reading Services

Speech Services

If applicable, please include a copy of this plan with this application

Baptism Church/City/State:

Year Baptized:

Mother's Name:

Email:

Occupation:

Employer:

Address (if different from student):

City/State/Zip:

Phone Number:

Religion:

Father's Name:

Email:

Occupation:

Employer:

Address (if different from student):

City/State/Zip:

Phone Number:

Religion:

Please list the name(s) and kindergarten entry year for younger siblings:

****Please return to front office by 12/08/2023**



PARISH AND VOLUNTEER DOCUMENTATION

Saint Mother Teresa dedicated her life to the service of others. In keeping with our namesake, Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School was founded upon the principles of volunteerism including active parish life. As such, this is considered in the admissions policy. We believe people that have shown a history of active parish life and volunteerism will continue to be involved in their children's education and school. Please document your immediate family's parish and volunteer involvement during the past two years on this form. Return this completed form to the school office with your registration paperwork.

PARISH LIFE

Family Name _____ Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Registered at (Parish/Church) _____

Please circle all that apply:

▪ Catholic ▪ Non-Catholic ▪ Support parish/church financially

Active in the following parish/church ministries in the past two years:

MINISTRY	TYPE OF INVOLVEMENT

Signature of Parish Administrator (required to qualify for admissions criteria #6): _____

Other details you would like to share regarding your parish involvement:

VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

(Examples: American Cancer Society, Ronald McDonald House, preschool volunteer, youth sports organizations, etc.) Active in the following charitable organizations in the past two years:

ORGANIZATION	TYPE OF INVOLVEMENT	*Signature or documentation attached of organization representative

We supported the following charitable organizations financially in the past two years:

PLEASE LIST ORGANIZATIONS:



CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS NOW MORE AFFORDABLE THAN EVER!

ABOUT EDCHOICE

Ohio's EdChoice Scholarship Program is now accessible to ALL Ohioans! Thanks to changes made by HB 33 and signed into law by Gov. DeWine on July 3, 2023, EVERY student in the state of Ohio has the opportunity to attend a Catholic school for little or no cost. Every family, regardless of income, can utilize state scholarship dollars to help fund tuition.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

Your child(ren) can get an affordable Catholic Education. Please see the chart below to see the 2023-2024 income chart and your family's eligibility for the EdChoice Scholarship. Please note that these numbers may change for the 2024-2025 school year.

2023-2024 EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP CHART

Federal Poverty Levels with Gross Annual Amounts								
Number in Family/ Household	200%	450%	500%	550%	600%	650%	700%	750%
1	\$29,160	\$65,610	\$72,900	\$80,190	\$87,480	\$94,770	\$102,060	\$109,350
2	\$39,440	\$88,740	\$98,600	\$108,460	\$118,320	\$128,180	\$138,040	\$147,900
3	\$49,720	\$111,870	\$124,300	\$136,730	\$149,160	\$161,590	\$174,020	\$186,450
4	\$60,000	\$135,000	\$150,000	\$165,000	\$180,000	\$195,000	\$210,000	\$225,000
5	\$70,820	\$158,130	\$175,700	\$193,270	\$210,840	\$228,410	\$245,980	\$263,550
6	\$80,560	\$181,260	\$201,400	\$221,540	\$241,680	\$261,820	\$281,960	\$302,100
7	\$90,840	\$204,390	\$227,100	\$249,810	\$272,520	\$295,230	\$317,940	\$340,650
8	\$101,120	\$227,520	\$252,800	\$278,080	\$303,360	\$328,640	\$353,920	\$379,200
For each additional person add:	\$10,280	\$23,130	\$25,700	\$28,270	\$30,840	\$33,410	\$35,980	\$38,550

Source: Office of the Asst. Secretary for Planning & Eval/US Dept of HHS

Federal Poverty Level	Award Amount for Grades K-8
0 - 450%	\$6,165
451 - 500%	\$5,200
501 - 550%	\$3,650
551 - 600%	\$2,600
601 - 650%	\$1,850
651 - 700%	\$1,300
701 - 750%	\$900
751% or higher	\$650

NOTE: Any application submitted after October 14th, 2023, will be awarded at a prorated amount based on how much of the school year remains after the date of the student's enrollment in the private school.

FAQ'S

Does my child have to be enrolled and accepted into a private school before I apply for EdChoice?

YES! After you are accepted into MTCES the EdChoice Scholarship application process can begin. Specific dates in which you can start this process will be announced prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

If I have questions about EdChoice, who should I contact at MTCES?

Please contact scholarships@mtces.org

Who should apply for EdChoice?

Everyone! Everyone gets a scholarship!

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Admission Policy 2024 - 2025

Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School is a private, Catholic elementary school supported by tuition and donations. The school strongly supports the parish concept and the importance of a family's commitment to its parish. The school also keeps an active, open and ongoing relationship with the area parishes to foster and nurture the identity of the Catholic parish. We very much encourage parents to continue to support their respective parish in all regards and as deemed appropriate by their parish.

Students will be admitted in the following order. If classes are filled per criteria below, a lottery will be used to fill openings at that level.

1. Current students whose registration is complete, tuition payments are current, and whose family is in compliance and in good standing with the family volunteer yearly commitment.
2. Siblings of present students whose families meet criteria 1.
3. New students whose parent, family member, or guardian are faculty/staff or currently serving on the Board of Trustees, or who have served as a Board member in the past, as confirmed by the Secretary of the Board.
New students whose immediate family member (sibling or parent) is an alumni of the school.
4. Children who have stayed on the waiting list for the prior school year, have registered for the current school year, and still qualify for categories 5 through 7 in the admission policy. The waiting list will not be redrawn and the order carries over from the prior year.
5. New students whose parents, family members, or guardians have demonstrated significant volunteerism and or stewardship and are active members of a Catholic parish as determined by the board – See Family Volunteerism Section below.
6. New students who are Catholic, not meeting criteria in 5 above.
7. Remaining positions will be filled by lottery.
8. Late applicants submitted after the New Family Enrollment Period will be placed in order of paperwork received.

Sibling status is defined as a new incoming student who is a sibling of a currently enrolled MTCES student. Sibling status is granted only to families who enroll a sibling during the priority enrollment period and do not withdraw the older child at a later time. **If a new family registers more than one child and only one of the child(ren) is accepted, the other child(ren) are not granted sibling status until the following year's enrollment period.** Those who are unable to gain admittance may wish to remain on a waiting list. The order of those placed on the waiting list will also be determined by lottery. Registrations not received by the deadline will be placed on the waiting list in the order they are received.

- ***Kindergarten students must be five years of age on or before September 30 and participate in a kindergarten readiness screening, which will take place in May 2024.***
- ***In Grades K-3, transfer students will be admitted after reviewing records from previous educational institution(s).***
- ***In Grades 4-8, transfer students will be admitted after reviewing records from previous educational institution(s), and an interview with Administration is conducted. All transfer students entering MTCES will sign a Student Contract in which they will be placed on temporary admittance, which lasts a minimum of one trimester and will be reviewed periodically, following these guidelines for full admission.***
 - ***The student will uphold the student code of conduct.***
 - ***The student consistently turns work in on time and fulfills all academic requirements.***
 - ***The student maintains acceptable grades and demonstrates progress in academic studies.***

Family Volunteerism & Active Parishioners

Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School was founded upon the principles of volunteerism, including active parish life. As such, this is considered in the admissions policy. We believe that people with a history of active parish life and volunteerism will continue to be involved in their children's education and school. In order to qualify for Criteria 6 in the admission policy, a family must demonstrate that they have provided significant service and or stewardship to a charitable organization or cause. The Parish and Volunteer Documentation Form must be completed, and must include signatures and or appropriate documentation.