

DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

**RIGHT TO A CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

“Catholic schools exist to collaborate with parents and guardians to foster spiritual growth and the educational development of each child. Catholic schools also serve the community, particularly the Catholic community of the diocese.

Catholic schools of the Diocese of Columbus shall be open to children of parent(s) or guardian(s) who seek the religiously oriented education which Catholic schools can provide.

Schools shall recruit and admit students of any race, color, gender (except those schools supporting a single gender according to their mission) or ethnicity to all its rights, privileges, programs and activities. In addition the school shall not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, English proficiency or disability in the administration of its educational programs and extra-curricular activities.

Preference shall be given to members of Catholic parishes. Others shall be welcomed on the basis of availability of space at the discretion of the pastor and/or principal.

Pastors and principals shall exercise discretion in judging admission of pupils. Pastors and principals must refuse admittance to anyone who, in their opinion, seeks to enroll for the purpose of circumventing the law.

Catholic schools are schools of choice. Any parent who wishes to have a Catholic education for his/her child agrees that the parent and child will abide by the policies and regulations of the school. If the policies and/or regulations are not adhered to, or if the school determines that attendance by a student will not be continued, the child may be asked by the principal and/or pastor at the elementary level and the principal and/or superintendent at the high school level to leave the school.” \*\*

We have read the Columbus Diocesan Policy on Transfer. We understand it and hereby state that our request for transfer does not contradict the intent and/or the requirements of the STATEMENT.

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**Parents' Signature**

\*\* Policy 5110.0 School Policies and Regulations (reviewed 08/06)