



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the student-teacher ratio at Burke Catholic?

A: Burke Catholic prides itself on its small class sizes that allow for personalized instructions. The average ratio is 16:1

Q: Does Burke Catholic accept students from public schools?

A: Yes, it does. Fifty-five percent of our students come from Catholic schools, while 45 percent come from public schools.

Q: What is the process and timeline for enrolling as a student at Burke Catholic?

A: For details about the process and timeline, please go to https://www.burkecatholic.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=198120&type=d&termREC_ID=&pREC_ID=465439.

Please note that the optimum time to enroll is at the March 1 Registration Day.

Q: Is bus service transportation available at Burke Catholic?

A: Yes, busing is available from surrounding school districts in accordance with New York State law. Please contact us to discuss details how to secure busing for your child.

Q: Do you accept transfer students?

A: Yes, Burke Catholic welcomes transfer students. We consider students seeking to transfer in their sophomore (10th grade) or junior (11th grade) years. We rarely accept students entering their senior (12th grade) year.

If you have questions about applying to Burke Catholic as a transfer student, please contact Principal of Operations John Douthit at 845-294-5481 ext. 165.

Q: Does Burke Catholic offer financial aid?

A: Yes, Burke Catholic offers financial aid to families that meet income eligibility guidelines. To see if you meet that criteria go to

www.burkecatholic.com/pdf/Financial_Aid

Q: Are there opportunities to receive academic scholarships?

A: To be eligible for a Burke Catholic academic scholarship, students must take the admission exam (HSPT). This year, the exam will be administered on Nov. 3 at 9 a.m.

The school awards academic scholarships based on HSPT test scores and student transcripts.

Q: My student is not able to take the admission test on the scheduled day. Do you offer a make-up date?

A: All students wishing to join Burke Catholic must take the Burke Catholic Admission Exam. If you missed the test, you will have another opportunity on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Q: Does Burke Catholic accept students who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP)? What resources does it have to support such students?

A: Yes, Burke Catholic is equipped to educate students with IEPs.

Burke Catholic offers a Resource Room to provide students with learning difficulties the support they need to achieve success. The staff provides an environment of structure, instruction and encouragement. The student is scheduled one full period each day in the Resource Room. Classes are small and include students of various academic levels. Placement in the center is based on recommendations from teachers and parents, and standardized test scores.

Students with IEP/504 plans are strongly encouraged to be in the center to receive their accommodations on a daily basis. Students are coached on organization and study skills. The teachers maintain close contact with classroom teachers, guidance counselors, administrators and parents, taking a team approach to the student's education.

Q: Does Burke Catholic accept international students?

A: Yes. To learn about the Burke Catholic International Exchange Student Program, please contact Mrs. Rita Enders, the international student liaison at 845-294-5481 ext. 136 or renders@burkecatholic.org.

Q: What accreditation does Burke Catholic possess?

A: Burke Catholic is chartered by the Board of Regents of New York State, and accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the National Catholic Education Association.