



# EXPERIENCE <sup>THE</sup> CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIFFERENCE



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *in the*  
ARCHDIOCESE *of* NEW YORK

Faith-Based. Future-Focused.

2026–2027 ENROLLMENT HANDBOOK





FAITH-BASED.



FUTURE-FOCUSED.

**Strong academics, great teachers, spiritual guidance, and a disciplined approach** — a Catholic education is the stepping stone to your child's future journey. Beyond an excellent education, Catholic Schools instill family values and a sense of community. For many, Catholic Schools are a home away from home — a place of safety in a rapidly changing world.

**Now is the time to invest in your child's education.**

***Admissions for 2026–2027 open on December 1, 2025!***

**[Apply Online Here](#)**

## **Welcome to Our Schools!**

*A Special Message from His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan*





# School Health & Safety

Our schools follow the guidance of their local health departments, with the goal of keeping schools open as long as it is in the best interest of our students and faculty. [Click here](#) to view current health and immunization information relating to the schools across the 10 New York counties we serve.

Families are reminded that all regular childhood immunizations, which are separate and distinct from COVID-19 vaccinations, must be received before the start of school under State Law. This is outlined in the [school handbook](#).



## What Parents Say — *What Do You Love About Catholic School?*

“My children will still be going to Catholic school because of the **better education** they received, and I know for sure [the] Archdiocese will do the best to **protect** my children. ”

“When you send your children to Catholic school you are sending them for the **community**. ”

“My children love their school. It is like family to us. They love their teachers. The **teachers are the backbone** of the school. ”

“I think the teachers were the highlights and stars of the pandemic. Keeping our kids engaged and learning. I can't say enough good stuff about our principal and teachers. **They are heroes**. ”





# Early Childhood and Kindergarten

## Early Childhood

Classroom environment is an important teacher. We've thoughtfully adapted the environment in our classrooms to help children and families adjust to current circumstances. [Click here to learn more.](#)



**Center-Based Learning:** each academic subject (literacy, math, science and social studies) has its own physical center. As they play, learn, make their own choices and socialize, children develop creative and critical thinking, as well as large and fine motor skills, through active, hands-on exploration.

## Kindergarten

Kindergarten at a Catholic School engages kids in learning while having fun in class. Together with their classmates, Kindergarten students will

- ▶ Learn to read and build math and science skills
- ▶ Enjoy learning-oriented play
- ▶ Participate in community service projects to help others
- ▶ Grow socially, emotionally and spiritually
- ▶ Be successful in elementary school and beyond



[Click here to learn more.](#)



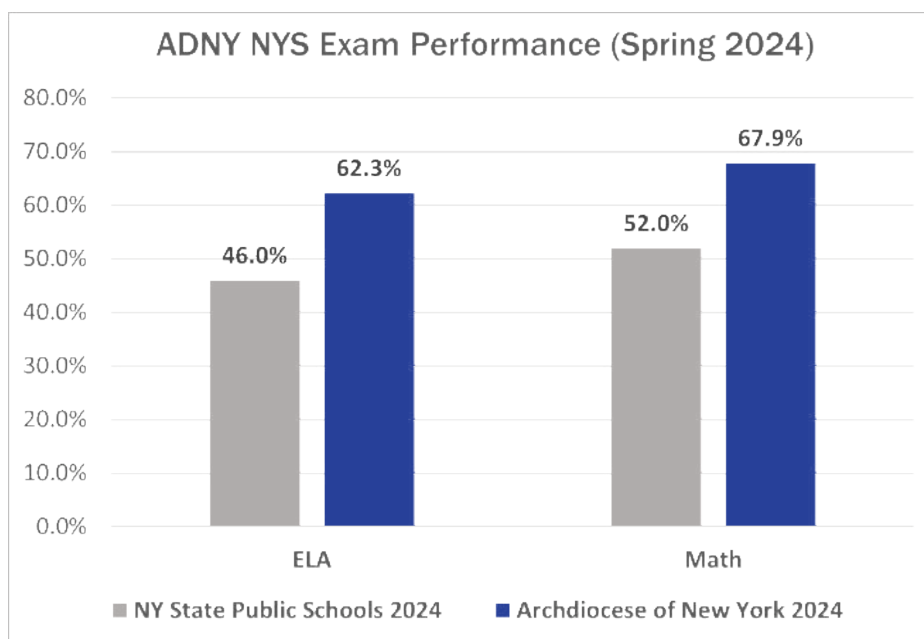
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We offer a future-focused curriculum that prepares students to lead successful, productive lives. In addition to Math, Religion, English/Language/Arts, History and Science, our schools have expanded technology and STEM programs, introduced robust literacy tools, and evolved art programs to stimulate creativity in young minds. Through enhanced individualized instruction, we motivate students to do their best. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## Serving Students with Special Needs

We are committed to providing children with learning disabilities (LD), other health impairments (OHI), and speech or language impairment (SPL) with resources that are comparable to those available in local public schools. Prior to admission, the Principal meets with parents to evaluate the child and decide on an approach that best meets the child's needs.



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## **Safe, Nurturing Environment.**

Our schools offer daily in-class instruction and have built a successful track record of remaining open while keeping our students and faculty safe — through proven health, safety and emergency response protocols.

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## **Focus on the Whole Child**

From Pre-K through 12th grade, Catholic schools provide the foundation in faith and academics needed to succeed in high school and beyond. Community service projects, where students help create and deliver support to their local communities, are integral to Catholic school student life.

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## **Learning Momentum Maintained.**

Catholic schools offer a more personalized learning experience for students, through smaller class sizes. In addition, individualized instruction and regular assessments help students improve their learning — teaching them to build on their strengths to overcome their learning barriers.

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## **Preparation for High School and Life.**

Catholic schools offer a faith-based, future-focused curriculum that instills self-discipline and integrates modern technology with traditional classroom instruction. In addition to Math, Religion and English/Language/Arts, our schools offer enhanced classroom technology and STEM programs, robust literacy tools and engaging art programs.

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## **Family-Friendly.**

Many schools offer early drop-off and late pick-up to accommodate parents' schedules. Parents are warmly welcomed to regular parent-teacher meetings, where they can share in their child's learning and participate in their school community.



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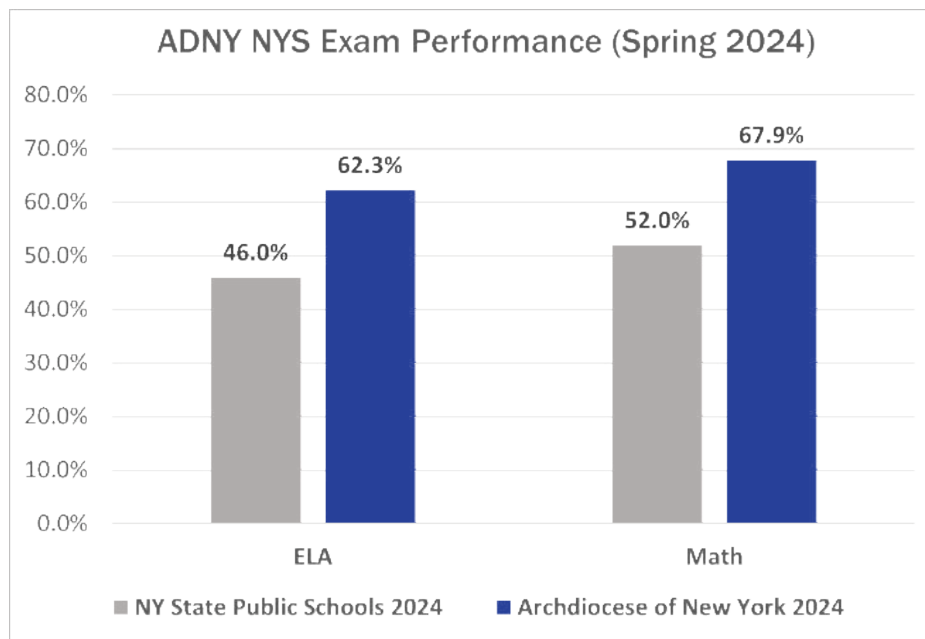
## Parent Support.

Financial assistance awards cover a significant portion of tuition for qualifying families at participating schools. And, through the ADAPP program, parents and students have free access to counselling and support for issues ranging from feelings of stress to mental health.

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## Academic Achievement.

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**APPLY NOW** FOR 2026–2027

## Apply Now in Four Easy Steps

1

### Select Your School

Visit our [School Finder](#) to find a school convenient to your home or place of work.

2

### Book a Phone or In-Person Visit

You can request an in-person visit or phone call with the school Principal or Director of Enrollment by clicking the blue “Request Tour or Info” button next to your school of interest on the School Finder web page. Or call our Parent Helpline at **(646) 794-2885**.

3

### Complete your Online Admissions Application

[Click here to apply!](#) Online admissions for the 2026–2027 school year open on December 1, 2025!

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### Apply for Financial Assistance

Through the generosity of Inner-City Scholarship Fund and its donors, our newly accepted students are provided an opportunity to apply for financial assistance. Families who receive an acceptance offer will be provided more information about who qualifies for assistance and when to apply. [Click here to learn more about financial assistance.](#)







## Helpful Links and Resources

### View and Download Documents

- ➔ [The Catholic School Difference](#)
- ➔ [How to Apply for Admissions and Financial Assistance](#)
- ➔ [Early Childhood](#)

### Access Online Resources

- ➔ [Find the Right School](#)
- ➔ [Apply Online](#)
- ➔ [Set Up a Call or Visit](#)
- ➔ [Parent Health & Safety Resources](#)

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