Continuous Enrollment – At a Glance

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Continuous Enrollment? Continuous enrollment is a straight forward concept that other schools around the nation have been using to streamline the re-enrollment process. Here at Holy Family Regional Catholic School, continuous enrollment assumes that once a student is enrolled at Holy Family Regional Catholic School, the student will continue his/her education at Holy Family Regional Catholic School from eighth grade unless the School is notified otherwise.

Why Continuous Enrollment? The majority of the children who are enrolled at HFRCS will graduate from HFRCS. And so in light of this situation, the question arises, why ask families to complete reenrollment paper work year after year? By moving to continuous enrollment, we hope to eliminate now and in the future, the paperwork and steps required by our parents each year as part of the enrollment process. The continuous enrollment system will simplify the process for our families and allow the School to maximize its resources and more wisely use the parents' tuition dollars.

How does it work? We are asking parents to read the Terms and Conditions of the Continuous Enrollment Agreement and indicate their agreement with their signature. Next year and every year thereafter, parents will not need to do or sign anything. A communication will be sent by the Enrollment Office reminding families of continuous enrollment and the Opt-Out process. The only time, a parent will need to complete paperwork is, if for personal reasons, the students will not be returning to school, for instance, if a family is moving. The Opt-Out form to notify the School can be found on our website. Most of our families will have the convenience of ignoring this message and doing absolutely nothing. It will be that simple.

How do I let HFRCS know that a student will not be re-enrolling for the next school year? Parents are asked to please let the School know that the student will not be re-enrolling by completing the Opt-Out form which is available on our School website under Admissions.

I have questions who can I contact? If a parent has additional questions after reading the FAQs, please email the Enrollment Director and the Business Office. If you have a question regarding your tuition account, contact Susan Weed, the Business Manager, at susan.weed@hfrcs.org.

What do I need to do to sign up for continuous enrollment? There is a link on our website under Admissions titled continuousenrollmentagreement.org. Read over the Form, sign and submit.

Who needs to sign up for continuous enrollment? New families to HFRCS will need to complete the parents' Agreement. Our current families have already completed the form.

How will I be notified what the tuition is going to be for future years? Tuition rates will be communicated through the School's website. Tuition rates for the following school year are determined by the Board of Limited Jurisdiction. The new tuition rates will be posted to the School's website and a text message will be sent notifying families when the new Tuition Rates are posted.

The School continually works hard to provide an excellent and affordable Catholic education while trying to keep the costs within reason. It is our sincere hope that parents will find our tuition affordable and the education provided invaluable. Parish contributions, aggressive fundraising efforts and the generosity of the Danaher Lynch Family Foundation, continue to contribute about a third of the actual cost to educate each child.

When can I apply for tuition assistance? Most financial aid applications are administered through an online application process using FACTS Grant & Aid starting in October or November of each year. There is a \$30 application fee charged by FACTS for processing and verifying an application for aid. To be eligible for a BLOCS, Pathways, Helping Hands or an Archdiocesan Grant, a parent must complete a FACTS Grant & Aid application.

I will be applying for tuition assistance, what if I do not know what my tuition will be? If a family completes an application for tuition assistance and submits all the required documentation in a timely manner, the School will make every effort to determine the financial aid grants to be awarded prior to the first scheduled tuition pull in July. This assumes that the School will be notified by the organizations that provide financial grants of the amounts available for awarding to families. If for some reason the school does not receive timely notification of EITC grant amounts, then this process could be delayed.

What do I need to do if I am enrolling an additional child? If a current school family is enrolling a new student, the parent is to complete an application for that child. The Form can be found on the School website at <u>www.hfrcs.org</u> under the Admissions Tab. The parent will only need to complete and return the Form to the School. No additional fee will be required.