

GENERAL SCHOOL FAQs

Is St. Adelaide Academy a fully accredited school/program?

St. Adelaide Academy is fully accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

What is the admission process?

1. Formal application is received.
2. Student and family are interviewed by Principal or designee.
3. Report card and latest test scores are reviewed.
4. Acceptance is based on the student's ability to:
 - a. Meet academic admission standards
 - b. Meet behavioral standards
 - c. Accept and practice the faith and values that are an integral part of the Catholic school community
 - d. Agree to comply with the school philosophy and policies

Candidates will be chosen for admission based on demonstrated academic performance and the potential to be successful at St. Adelaide Academy. All newly accepted students are probationary for the first trimester.

Does St. Adelaide Academy participate in standardized testing?

The school administers the STAR Reading/Math assessments a minimum of three times each year. STAR assessments are often administered more frequently to ensure student growth toward a specific skill or skills. The Assessment of Catechesis Religious Education test (ACRE), administered in the winter to 5th and 8th graders, is an integrated approach to evaluating faith knowledge and living Catholic ideals.

How does St. Adelaide Academy help academically challenged students?

The school differentiates instruction throughout the school day to accommodate the needs of all students. There are a number of programs and strategies used to strengthen needed skills. Additionally, St. Adelaide teachers are always available after school to help individual students. Formal after-school help sessions are offered on Wednesdays.

What is the academic curriculum?

St. Adelaide Academy has developed a rigorous core academic program based on the Diocese of San Bernardino's Academic Standards and Common Core Standards of the State of California.

Who can attend?

St. Adelaide Academy admits students of any faith, sex, race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of

faith, sex, race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, financial assistance and athletic and other school-administered programs.

If students have a Christian background but are not Catholic, are they required to participate in Catholic activities such as Mass, ACRE and First Communion?

St. Adelaide Academy is committed to providing a quality education with an emphasis on the Catholic teachings and values. All students must accept and practice the faith and values that are an integral part of the Catholic school community. Students and school families must agree to comply with the school philosophy and policies.

What foreign language classes are available?

Spanish language instruction is offered from preschool to eighth grade.

Does the middle school have elective classes available?

Middle school students have a variety of electives available on Friday afternoon.

Does St. Adelaide Academy offer any extra-curricular activities?

Students can participate in a wide range of sports such as Volleyball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, and Track & Field. Many classes attend science and cultural field trips which enrich the curriculum. The school curriculum includes a fine arts program. Our middle school students take part in a STEM Fair and have the opportunity to participate in the Diocesan Academic Decathlon. Students can also participate in spiritual retreats, academic competitions, Student Council and choir.

Is there a hot lunch program or are all students required to bring their own lunch?

We offer hot lunch through the SBCUD for an additional cost of \$4/day. This is an optional service for our school families. These meals are prepackaged. Students are asked to bring their own snacks.

What is the teacher-to-student ratio?

All classes will have no more than 20 students per adult.

Is there an after-school program?

St. Adelaide Academy offers an Extended Care program to provide a safe and secure environment for the children of our school during out-of-school hours. The philosophy of the program incorporates that of the school and includes providing a child-care environment where Catholic principles are foremost and where the social and personal needs of the children of working parents are met and nurtured.

Does St. Adelaide Academy provide tuition assistance?

The Diocese of San Bernardino offers an endowment each year for students that are currently enrolled. Additionally, school assistance may be provided based on need and available funds. An application must be completed to determine need.

What sports are offered at St. Adelaide Academy?

Students can participate in a wide range of sports such as Volleyball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, and Track & Field.

What creative programs are provided to students?

Art, music and drama are incorporated into the regular curriculum. Students have an opportunity to join the school choir. Students are included in programs during the year which involve the arts, such as the Passion Play and Christmas Program.

COVID-19 FAQs

For more specific details on St. Adelaide Academy's Covid-19 response plan, please [click here](#) to review the full document

Do my children have to wear masks in class? Are masks required for parents dropping off/picking up students?

Face coverings, either cloth masks or face shields are required for both students and staff. Face coverings may be challenging for students (especially younger students) to wear in all-day school settings. Face coverings must be worn by all teachers and staff and encouraged in students (particularly older students) if feasible, particularly essential when physical distancing is difficult. Extra disposable masks will be available.

Proper face coverings are required for any and all persons visiting the campus. Teachers and students will be wearing face coverings. Student drop off and pick up will be a drive-thru where parents only need to be wearing masks as they interact with staff members.

Will there be temperature checks at the gate and active monitoring student's health?

The staff, visitors and students will have temperatures checked at the gate using a no-touch thermometer. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will be sent home. Health checks will be conducted throughout the day.

What health safety measures will be implemented?

There are a number of safety and sanitization protocols that will be in place per the requirements of the CDC and the State of California, all of which are detailed in the COVID-19 Response Plan, but the following are just some highlights of those health safety features:

- Required face coverings for students, teachers, and visitors (including parents and family members), social distancing, and implementing a cohort model based on
- Temperature checks at student drop offs
- Hyper vigilance of student/teacher/staff health throughout the day
- Enhanced personal hygiene and environment cleanliness maintained throughout the day

- Do more outdoor activities when possible
- Strategically placed hand sanitizers and wipes

What are the class sizes?

All classes will have no more than 20 students per adult.

If parents do not feel comfortable with students returning on campus, can they opt for Distance Learning?

Yes. St. Adelaide Academy currently offers distance learning using the Catholic Online Synchronous Learning (COSL) method. When the school formally re-opens [TBD], then we will offer following learning option(s):

1. Catholic Online Synchronous Learning (COSL) [aka Distance Learning]
2. Onsite Classroom
3. A Hybrid of the above two options

How does Catholic Online Synchronous Learning (COSL) work?

- Our Catholic Online Synchronous (real-time) Learning means that the students will participate online as teachers are teaching from their classrooms, Monday through Friday, using a combination of Google Classroom and Zoom technology.
- COSL will operate essentially like a regular school day. Each subject will have a separate Zoom time with short breaks in between, including a lunch break. Each day will begin with morning prayer and we will still have Wednesday schoolwide assemblies and Friday Mass. Assembly and Mass will be livestreamed.
- There will also be scheduled times for extra support from teachers. Our teachers also understand the importance of the social and emotional well-being of our children. They will incorporate this into the Religion instruction and throughout the school day.
- Our goal is to provide a solid Catholic education with academic rigor, as well as a foundation of morals, values and character building. We know that this is primarily why our families choose to send their children to our school.