



# NORTHWEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## Application Guide 2018-19

Welcome to Northwest Catholic. Northwest Catholic has a personalized, friendly Admissions process, and when reviewing admissions files, we take a thorough and holistic approach. Academic records, recommendations, and standardized test scores will be reviewed, but we consider interests, leadership experience, and eagerness to receive a rigorous college preparatory, Catholic education.

## Important Dates & Deadlines

	Grade 9 Applicants	Transfer Applicants (Grades 10 & 11)
<b>Open House</b> <a href="http://www.northwestcatholic.org/openhouse">www.northwestcatholic.org/openhouse</a>	October 28, 2018 1-3pm	October 28, 2018 1-3pm
<b>Application Deadlines</b> Admission Financial Aid	November 30, 2018 December 1, 2018	Rolling December 1, 2018
<b>Decision Notification</b> Admission Financial Aid	Early January Early March	Early February Early March
<b>Enrollment Registration Deadline</b>	April 1, 2019	April 1, 2019

\*Applications completed after the deadline will be reviewed on a rolling basis after decision notifications have gone out for other applicants.

## Admission Application Requirements

In order to begin your application, please go to [www.northwestcatholic.org/apply](http://www.northwestcatholic.org/apply). You will be required to create an admissions account where you will submit your application, send recommendations, and sign up for Shadow Days. The Record Release Form is available at [www.northwestcatholic.org/recordrelease](http://www.northwestcatholic.org/recordrelease). The following materials should be submitted by the admissions application deadline:

### Grade 9 Applicants

- Student Application
- Principal/Guidance Counselor Recommendation
- Official School Transcript (grade 6, grade 7 & most recent Grade 8 report card)
- Standardized Test Scores (SBAC or Iowa Test, if applicable)
- Entrance Exam Scores (HSPT, SSAT, or ISEE)\*

### Transfer Applicants (Grades 10 & 11)

- Student Application
- Principal/Guidance Counselor Recommendation
- Official School Transcript & most recent report card (grade 10 applicants must also submit their final grade 8 report card)
- Standardized Test or Entrance Exam Scores taken within the past two years (HSPT, SSAT, PSAT, SAT, ACT)

*-If your school's first quarter or trimester is not completed by Nov. 30, a progress report or interim report may be submitted. You must submit the official report card upon completion of the marking period.*

*-Applicants who have a 504 plan, IEP, ICEP, or receive any type of accommodations, must submit a copy of their plan and testing prior to the application deadline. If the applicant wishes to receive extended time on the HSPT, paperwork must be submitted one week prior to the exam date.*

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# Understanding Each Admission Requirement

## Student Application

Completed by the student applicant, this form allows the Admission Committee to learn more about your background, interests, and desire to attend Northwest Catholic High School.

## Official School Transcript

Your school should submit an official transcript that includes your courses and grades from your previous school year as well as grades from your two most recent school years. Your parent or guardian must complete the Record Release Form and bring it to your school. The record release form is available at [www.northwestcatholic.org/recordrelease](http://www.northwestcatholic.org/recordrelease). A record release form will also be emailed to you once the application is completed.

## Standardized Test Scores

Your school should send a copy of any standardized test results from tests you completed while in middle school. This may include SBAC or IOWA tests. If your school does not administer standardized tests, you may skip this requirement. **Transfer applicants for Grades 10 and 11 must submit test results taken within the past 2 years from one of the following: HSPT, SSAT, PSAT, SAT, or ACT.**

## Principal/Guidance Counselor Recommendation

This form should be submitted to the school official who is responsible for preparing and releasing student records, typically the guidance counselor or the school principal. This recommendation will provide the Admission Committee with a summary of your school history and academic performance. You will be able to send this form electronically to the school official when you complete your application. There is a printable version on the Northwest Catholic Website. If you hand the person a printed version, please provide a stamped envelope addressed to the Northwest Catholic Admissions Office.

## Entrance Exam Scores

All Grade 9 applicants must sit for the High School Placement Test (HSPT), the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT), or the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE). Students may take the HSPT, SSAT and ISEE should they choose. Only one entrance exam is required. Please note that the exam does not need to be taken at Northwest Catholic, but results must be received by November 30, 2018. **Only Students who take the HSPT at Northwest Catholic on Saturday, November 17, 2018 are considered for Academic & Merit Scholarships.**

## Exam Offered at Northwest Catholic High School Placement Test (HSPT)

This test will be administered at Northwest Catholic on November 17, 2018. A completed Student Application will serve as the registration for the HSPT. For those who require additional test time, please be sure to indicate so on the application and submit a copy of your 504 plan, IEP, or ICEP prior to the exam date. You can only take the HSPT once. If you take the HSPT at a different Catholic high school, please request that the test administrator send us scores by November 30, 2018.

## Exams NOT Offered at Northwest Catholic Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT)

To register for the SSAT, visit [www.ssat.org](http://www.ssat.org) and ensure that test scores are sent to Northwest Catholic High School by November 30, 2018. The Northwest Catholic school code is 5412. You can take the SSAT more than once.

## Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE)

To register for the ISEE, visit [www.erblearn.org](http://www.erblearn.org) and ensure that test scores are sent to Northwest Catholic High School by November 30, 2018. The Northwest Catholic school code is 571351. You can take the ISEE up to three times in a 12 month period.

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## Applying for Financial Aid

Northwest Catholic recognizes that committing to a Catholic school education is an investment. To be considered for tuition assistance, a parent/guardian must complete the financial aid application by visiting [www.smartaidforparents.com](http://www.smartaidforparents.com). The application for the 2018-19 school year will be available on October 1, 2018. The School ID is 13337. Applications for all students requesting tuition assistance must be submitted by December 1, 2018. Smart Aid applications that are submitted after December 1, 2018, will not be considered until the spring of 2019 if funds become available. Families will need to have 2017 tax forms and W2s on hand to accurately complete the application. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Richard Puskarz, Director of Finance, at [rpuskarz@nwcath.org](mailto:rpuskarz@nwcath.org).