



# NORTHWEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## Application Guide 2019-20

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 20, 2019 1-3pm	October 20, 2019 1-3pm
<b>Entrance Exam</b>	HSPT- October 26, 2019	
<b>Application Deadlines</b> Admission Financial Aid	November 30, 2019 December 1, 2019	Rolling December 1, 2019
<b>Decision Notification</b> Admission Financial Aid	Early January Early March	Early February Early March
<b>Enrollment Registration Deadline</b>	April 1, 2020	April 1, 2020

\*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:

### A Completed Grade 9 Application Consists of:

- Student Application
- Principal/Guidance Counselor Recommendation
- Official School Transcript (Complete Academic Years for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Quarter or mid-year grades for 2019-2020)
- Standardized Test Results (SBAC or Iowa Test, if applicable)
- Entrance Exam Scores (HSPT or SSAT)\*

### Transfer Applicants (Grades 10 & 11)

- Student Application
- Principal/Guidance Counselor Recommendation
- Official School Transcript (Complete Academic Years for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Quarter or mid-year grades for 2019-2020)
- 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.*

# 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) or the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT). 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, 2019. **Only Students who take the HSPT on October 26, 2019 at NWC and submit all their application materials by November 30, 2019, will receive their admission by January 1, 2020. All other decisions will be made on a rolling basis.**

## Exam Offered at Northwest Catholic

### High School Placement Test (HSPT)

**October 26, 2019**

To register for the HSPT, please go to (LINK AVAILABLE SOON). This test will be administered at Northwest Catholic on October 26, 2019. 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, 2019.

### Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT)

**November 16, 2019**

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, 2019. The Northwest Catholic school code is 5412. You can take the SSAT more than once.

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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 2020-2021 school year will be available on October 1, 2019. The School ID is 13337. Applications for all students requesting tuition assistance must be submitted by December 1, 2019. Smart Aid applications that are submitted after December 1, 2019, will not be considered until the spring of 2020 if funds become available. Families will need to have 2018 tax forms and W2s on hand to accurately complete the application. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Andrew Selig ([aselig@nwcath.org](mailto:aselig@nwcath.org)) or Cindy Fusco ([cfusco@nwcath.org](mailto:cfusco@nwcath.org)).