

Religious Education Policies: 2019-20

The philosophy of St. Anthony's Religious Education program is an explicit expression of the evangelizing mission entrusted by Jesus to the Church. Its purpose is three-fold: to teach the message of Jesus, to build community and to serve. The following policies have been established to ensure that each student in the Religious Education program fulfills this mission to the best of their ability. **We ask that you carefully read this page and discuss the importance of these rules with your child.** You will be asked to do an electronic signature within the on-line registration form to acknowledge you have read these policies.

Attendance: Weekly attendance is a vital part of your child's preparation both for the reception of the sacraments and to build a sound foundation for their faith formation from childhood into adulthood. For this reason, if a child misses more than six classes, they will not be accepted into the next level until all work is completed.

Food: All food and beverages, including water, will be prohibited once your child enters the building. We have children with severe allergies and their safety must come first. Please provide a snack for your child before they come to class.

Behavior: St. Anthony's is a Catholic community, which thrives on Christian principles of respect and courtesy. A firm commitment to individual responsibility is necessary for all students. It is expected that students will obey all the rules and policies of the program as well as ordinary rules of courtesy and good behavior. Acts of violence directed towards persons and/or property do not have a place in the school. Potentially harmful and dangerous items will not be permitted on the premises at any time. In addition, the following acts will not be tolerated:

Destruction of school or church property	Fighting
Insolence or disrespect	Use of obscene language
Stealing	Use of electronic devices
Leaving school property before dismissal without consent	

If a student breaks these rules the following steps will be followed:

First time: student will be sent to the office where the Director will speak with them about acceptable behavior

Second time: parents will be called and asked to speak with their child about their behavior

Third time: parents will be called to pick up their child immediately. All class work will be finished at home and seen by director before child attends class

the following week. If misbehavior continues child will be removed from the program pending a meeting with the Director, pastor and parents.

Electronic devices (iPad; cell phone, games etc.) Cannot be used during class time. If your child uses their cell phone in class, it will be taken away and you will need to come into the office after classes to pick it up. In case of emergencies from home you can call the Parish Center or Religious Education Office at any time your child is in class.

Tuition/Fees: no child will be enrolled in a class until the office receives tuition/fees. If there is a financial burden, we will work with you towards resolving the situation. Please call the office if you need to speak to me about any financial situation. All calls will be confidential.

Traffic: for the safety of your children, we ask that you follow the procedures set forth for arrival and dismissal of students.

Emergency School Closing: In the event of inclement weather, St. Anthony's will follow the same procedure as the Oceanside School District. More detailed information will be provided at the beginning of the school year.