

Why Our Catholic Schools Do Not Participate in Universal Preschool Programs?

Protecting Our Catholic Identity

Our Catholic schools are ministries of the Church. Participation in government-funded programs often requires compliance with regulations and policies that may limit our ability to fully integrate faith formation, prayer, and Catholic teaching into the daily classroom experience. Remaining independent allows our Catholic schools to continue offering a Christ-centered environment where faith is woven naturally into every part of a child's day.

Maintaining Curriculum Freedom

Our Catholic schools use carefully selected curricula that nurture the whole child academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Universal Preschool programs typically require the use of state-approved standards, assessments, and instructional frameworks that may not fully align with our Catholic philosophy of education or approach to child development.

Preserving Hiring and Employment Practices

Our Catholic schools seek teachers and staff who support and model the values and mission of the Catholic Church. Participation in public funding programs can place restrictions on hiring practices or require policies that conflict with our religious freedom and our ability to employ educators who embrace and live the faith.

Ensuring Long-Term Stability and Flexibility

Government programs and funding structures can change from year to year. By remaining independent, our Catholic schools are able to maintain consistent programming, tuition structures, and classroom expectations without being affected by shifting state requirements or funding limitations.

Our Commitment to Families

Although our Catholic preschools do not participate in Universal Preschool, our Catholic schools remain committed to keeping early childhood education accessible and affordable. Many of our schools offer tuition assistance, parish support, scholarships, and flexible scheduling options to serve families from a wide range of backgrounds.

Above all, our Catholic schools exist to form young children in love, truth, and faith building a strong foundation for lifelong learning and discipleship.