

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Continuous Enrollment?

St. Francis Parish School practices Continuous Enrollment. The concept is not new, for instance you could look at Netflix, the gym you workout at, any membership you have in which you don't have to reenroll annually, and understand the concept. Applied to education, here is what it looks like for us... *Once you enroll at St. Francis Parish School, you are here until you graduate, or make it a point to dis-enroll. No re-enrollment process, no papers, no re-enrollment checks cut (any administrative fees from this point on get split into payment plans), it's that simple. Your tuition and fees will be divided into 12 equal monthly payments. The first payment of each new year will be in the month of June. Final annual payments will be in May to accommodate graduating students.*

What is Re-Enrollment?

Re-enrollment is an annual data collection process that schools use to update enrollment records of the current student body. This information is used as the school makes plans for the following school year. Basically, the simple question is: "Are you coming back to school next year?" For our leadership team at St. Francis Parish School, we need to know how many students we will have on the first day of school.

Why Does Re-Enrollment Matter? And why do we go through this every year?

St. Francis leadership does a lot of planning to ensure that we're prepared to fulfill our mission excellently every year. Until families "sign on the line" that they're coming back each year, we can't make solid plans for staffing, programs, materials, curriculum and facility usage. We take the stewardship of tuition dollars entrusted to us every year very seriously. We want to invest these tuition dollars wisely so that we can provide the best education possible for our students.

I have no plans to change schools- and almost everybody comes back every year anyway. Can't I just stay at St. Francis until I notify the school otherwise?

Prior to continuous enrollment, re-enrollment has been an "OPT-IN" program. We annually ask every family, "Are you coming back?" By agreeing to your Tuition Contract, rather than an OPT-IN annual re-enrollment process, St. Francis's annual re-enrollment becomes an OPT-OUT process. In other words, if you're coming back after agreeing to your "Initial Tuition Contract," you'll never have to worry about this again.

What does "Re-enrollment Season" Look Like?

Re-enrollment season (January through March) will simply be a communication reminder from the Registrar stating next years expected tuition. You will also be reminded if you are thinking about leaving our school to notify us prior to March 31st Past performance indicates that 90+% of St. Francis families will have the convenience of ignoring this message and doing absolutely nothing!

What's the penalty if I break this contract?

1 month's tuition. St. Francis families that are re-enrolled but break the contract by disenrolling their students after the specified date, will be contractually obligated to pay 1 month's tuition.

But what about unique circumstances? I'm *planning* on keeping my kids at St. Francis until they graduate. What if God has other plans for my family?

We've built flexibility into this contract. So, for major life changes/unique circumstances like moving 25+ miles away from our school, or if St. Francis can no longer meet your child's educational needs, if we ask your family to leave, or if there is some unforeseen circumstance that Monsignor approves, there will be no financial penalty.

What does the Continuous Enrollment Contract Look Like?

- I hereby opt into continuous enrollment. This means that my St. Francis students will keep coming back to St. Francis every year unless I tell the school otherwise.
- I understand that I have until the end of March every year to notify the St. Francis Parish School Registrar of any changes in my plans of enrollment for my child/ren
- If I breach this contract by disenrolling my child/ren on or after April 1st, I understand that I will be contractually obligated to pay 1 month's tuition as a penalty.
- Unique Circumstances. St. Francis Parish School recognizes that family plans change. For any unique circumstances (such as the following) families disenrolling after the announced deadline will be exempt from the 1 month's tuition penalty:
 - Moving/Relocation 25+ miles away from St. Francis Parish School.
 - Educational needs for the student that can no longer be met at St. Francis Parish School as determined by the SFPS Student Services teams.
 - Disenrollment at the request of St. Francis Parish School.
 - Other circumstances as approved by the school administrator, Monsignor Harrison.

When does this take place?

Continuous Enrollment begins upon initial registration. By agreeing to the initial Tuition Contract, you are agreeing to Continuous Enrollment.

What do I get out of this?

Simplicity and convenience.