

Continuous Enrollment - Frequently Asked Questions

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. Mary's School, we need to know how many students we will have on the first day of school.

I have no plans to change schools. Can't I just stay at SMS until I notify the school otherwise?

Up until this point, re-enrollment has been an "opt-in" program. We annually ask every family, "Are you coming back?" In a sense, we've been penalizing the vast majority of families by forcing you all to go through this process every year. By signing your Continuous Enrollment contract, you will be flipping that script. Rather than an opt-IN annual re-enrollment process, St. Mary's annual re-enrollment will become an OPT-OUT process. In other words, if you're coming back after signing your "Continuous Enrollment Contract," you'll never have to worry about this again.

After this year, what will the re-enrollment season look like?

Once all of our families are on the "Continuous Enrollment Program," the typical re-enrollment season (January through March) will simply be a communication reminder from the Enrollment Office informing the families that might be thinking about leaving our school to notify us prior to the end of March. If last year is any indication, this means that 90% of St. Mary's families will have the convenience of ignoring this message and doing absolutely nothing!

What's the penalty if I break this contract?

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

St. Mary's families that are re-enrolled, but break the contract by dis-enrolling their students after the specified date will be contractually obligated to pay the full year tuition.

How is Continuous Enrollment different than previous year's re-enrollment process?

Continuous Enrollment is a once-and-for-all process. Once you sign your Continuous Enrollment Contract, you'll never have to deal with re-enrollment again (unless your family plans change). "Set it, and forget it!" In the event that things do change, you'll have until the end of March every year to simply notify the Enrollment Office and face absolutely no penalty.

When will this take place?

Continuous Enrollment will start in February 2018. Contracts are due by the end of March 2018. We look forward to serving St. Mary's families in this way and making the process even more convenient!

How do I get signed up for this?

The SMS Enrollment Office will send you an E-mail with easy step-by-step instructions through the process. It will only take you a couple minutes. You'll have until March 31st to complete it.