

GENERAL INFORMATION

HISTORY

1951 – Foundation

Saint Catherine's Academy was founded in 1951 by Fr. Santiago Blanco, O.S.A. beside the Saint Catherine of Alexandria Parish in Porac, Pampanga. As the first non-stock, non-profit co-educational sectarian school in the town, it began its mission of providing Catholic education under the ownership and management of the Archdiocese of San Fernando, Pampanga. From the beginning, the school became part of the evolving Archdiocesan educational community, which would later be known as the Archdiocese of San Fernando Educational System (ASFES).

1961 – Government Recognition

In April 1961, the school earned formal recognition from the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS). This milestone allowed Saint Catherine's Academy to offer secondary education, transforming it into a full basic education institution.

1995 – Early Expansion

By 1995, the Academy expanded its services by offering pre-school and elementary education, strengthening its commitment to form young learners grounded in faith and academic excellence

2015 – Strengthening Quality Education

On February 1, 2015, the school was certified by the Private Education Assistance Committee – Fund for Assistance to Private Education (PEAC-FAPE). This recognition enabled the institution to award ₱9,000 scholarship grants to deserving students, expanding opportunities for learners in Porac and nearby communities. Later that same year, on November 24, 2015, Saint Catherine's Academy was granted permission to operate Senior High School. Through the voucher program, SHS students from private schools received 80% subsidy, while those from public schools received 100%, ensuring accessibility and continuity of quality Catholic education.

Growth Under A Leadership

Under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Elmer G. Dizon, Ph.D., Saint Catherine's Academy continues to flourish as an active member of both ASFES and the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP). The school has embraced the Dynamic Learning Program (DLP) in the Intermediate and High School levels, and has adapted blended learning in response to the challenges brought by the pandemic. Throughout these developments, the Academy remains guided by its Vision-Mission-Goals, core values, and sacramental programs, faithfully carrying out its role as a Catholic educational institution

March 30, 2025, a new installed Superintendent in the person of Rev. Fr. Jefferson G. Bacani was installed as the new Superintendent of our school. He initiated several programs aimed at deepening the spiritual and moral development of the learners, and he officially designated the school year as the Catholic Formation Year. A free formation program was launched last summer, and Kindergarten to Grade 5 pupils were included in the recollection.

PHILOSOPHY

CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS FORMATION, MEDIATION AND TRANSFORMATION.

VISION

THE SAINT CATHERINE'S ACADEMY: CENTER OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION, INC. (SCA) IS A CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESAN EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTERED IN THE PERSON AND MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST, ANIMATED BY GOSPEL VALUES AND GUIDED BY CHURCH TEACHINGS AND PRACTICES.

MISSION

TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE PHILIPPINE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS STANDARDS

CORE VALUES

FAITH(WORSHIP, MERCY AND COMPASSION),
SERVICE(CHARITY, SOLIDARITY, HUMILITY),
EXCELLENCE(TRUTH, WISDOM, AUTHENTICITY, HOPE)

ADMISSION REGULATIONS

The applicant must meet the following requirements:

- 1.1. Kindergarten 1
 - a. Must be at least 4 years old not later than August 31
 - b. Photocopy: Birth/Baptismal Certificate
 - 1.2 Kindergarten 2
 - a. Must be at least 5 years old not later than August 31 (Extension depends on the opening of School Year)
 - b. Photocopy: Birth/Baptismal Certificate
 - 1.3 Grade one
 - a. Must be at least 6 years old with Kindergarten background
 - b. Card from the principal of the Kindergarten school where the child studied
 - c. Must pass oral/written exams
 - d. Photocopy: Birth/Baptismal Certificate
 - 1.3 Transferees (Including Grade 7 and Grade 11)
 - a. Report Card/Form 137-A
 - b. Letter of Recommendation from Principal, Adviser or Guidance Counselor
 - c. Honorable Dismissal
 - d. Testing Fee
 - e. Must pass the interview and written examinations
 - f. Photocopy: Birth/Baptismal/Confirmation Certificate
- Note: *The following will not be admitted in SCA: (Grade/High School Transferees)*
- a. Students with failing grades.
 - b. Students who were dropped from other schools for grievous offenses.
 - c. Repeaters due to academic failure
 - d. Irregular students

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR S.Y. 2026 - 2027

- STEP 1: GET AN APPLICATION FORM FOR ENTRANCE EXAMINATION AT REGISTRAR'S AND FILL IT UP.**
- STEP 2: PAY THE P200 ENTRANCE EXAM FEE AT THE CASHIER'S OFFICE.**
- STEP 3: TAKE THE EXAM AT THE GIVEN DATE: PRESENT YOUR RECEIPT.**
- STEP 4: VISIT THE SCHOOL AFTER ONE WEEK FOR THE RESULT.**

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- A. Most Outstanding Pupil 1
 - 100% Tuition Fee Discount
- B. Most Outstanding Pupil 2
 - 50% Tuition Fee Discount

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- A. SCA Most Outstanding Student 1
 - 100% Tuition Fee Discount
 - 100% Books Fee Discount
- B.1. SCA Most Outstanding Student 2
- B.2. Other School's Most Outstanding Student 1
 - 50% Tuition Fee Discount
 - 50% Books Fee Discount
- C. Other School's Most Outstanding Student 2
 - 25% Tuition Fee Discount
 - 50% Books Fee Discount

- D. ESC Grantees for Incoming Grade 7 (81 slots only)
 - 9,000 Tuition Fee Discount

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SHS Voucher:

- 14,000.00 – completers from the private schools (Grade 10)
- 17,500.00 – completers from the public schools (Grade 10)

CURRICULUM:



MATATAG CURRICULUM KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 10

The MATATAG Curriculum is DepEd's improved basic education curriculum designed to make learning simpler, more focused, and more relevant for Filipino learners. It reduces content overload and prioritizes foundational skills such as reading, writing, math, and socio-emotional learning.

It aims to:

1. **Strengthen essential skills**
 - Focus on literacy, numeracy, and values formation.
2. **Reduce the number of learning competencies**
 - Allows teachers to teach more effectively and students to master lessons better.
3. **Improve learning through real-world applications**
 - Uses practical, competency-based activities.
4. **Support teachers with clearer standards**
 - Provides streamlined content, better guides, and improved assessment practices.
5. **Prepare learners for the future**
 - Ensures readiness for higher education, employment, and life skills.

NEW REVISED OR STRENGTHENED SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (SHS) PROGRAM GRADE 11 AND GRADE 12

The Revised or Strengthened SHS Program refers to the improvements made by the Department of Education (DepEd) under the MATATAG Curriculum, aimed at making Senior High School more relevant, practical, and aligned with college and workplace demands.

It focuses on:

1. **Reduced and streamlined curriculum**
 - Less content overload so students can focus on essential competencies.
2. **Stronger academic and skills preparation**
 - Ensures graduates are better prepared for higher education, employment, or entrepreneurship.
3. **Enhanced work immersion and industry partnerships**
 - More meaningful on-the-job training and collaboration with industries to increase employability.
4. **Improved alignment of tracks and strands**
 - Courses are clarified and strengthened to match actual job skills and college programs.
5. **Better assessment and teaching approaches**
 - Use of competency-based, practical, and real-world learning tasks.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

NO TOP-UP FOR INCOMING GRADE 11 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

We are pleased to inform everyone that **there will be no top-up fees for all incoming Grade 11 students coming from public schools.** This means that students may enroll without any additional payment on top of the government subsidy provided through the voucher program.

This initiative aims to make Senior High School more accessible and to support families as their children transition to SHS. The school will not require any top-up fee because **the strengthened Senior High School curriculum has reduced contact time and removed certain subjects.** With fewer hours and streamlined content, the overall cost of delivering the program has also been reduced. This allows us to offer Grade 11 with **no additional charges** beyond the voucher subsidy.