



Diocese of Providence

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Applying to Teach in a Catholic School in the Diocese of Providence

To be considered for a teaching position with the Catholic schools in the Diocese, a person may apply either through the Catholic School Office or, **for an advertised position**, directly to the school advertising the position.

The following documents are required to be considered for employment:

- Application (download form from CSO website)
- Résumé
- Signed *Employee Witness Statement* (download from CSO website)
- *Certificate of Parish Registration* for Roman Catholic applicants (download from CSO website)
- For religious applicants, a letter of concurrence from the superior of order or congregation
- Official transcripts
- Two professional references (download form from CSO website)

In order for an applicant to be considered for positions as they become available at unspecified schools, he or she must have a completed personnel file on record at the Catholic School Office. A completed file includes all of the above documents.

Applicants applying directly for advertised positions are **not** required to have a personnel file in the Catholic School Office. The above documents should be sent to the school advertising the position.

Process for Applying through the Catholic School Office

The applicant downloads the above documents from the Catholic School Office website or requests the documents from the Catholic School Office.

The applicant sends his or her résumé and a completed application and signed *Employee Witness Statement* to the Catholic School Office. The applicant requests that official transcripts are sent to the Catholic School Office from the applicant's undergraduate and graduate colleges and universities. The applicant forwards the professional reference forms to his or her referees. For Roman Catholic applicants, the *Certificate of Parish Registration* must be taken to the applicant's parish to be completed by his or her pastor. The *Certificate* is then mailed by the parish office to the Catholic School Office. *It is the applicant's responsibility to verify that the transcripts, recommendation forms and the Certificate of Parish Registration have been sent by the person requested to do so.*

When all required forms are received by the Catholic School Office, the applicant will be notified that his or her file is complete. The Catholic School Office adds the applicant to a computer file database of all candidates for teaching positions. The data may be referenced through the Catholic School Office by principals with open teaching positions. The database is referenced by the applicant's name and personal contact information, college degrees, certifications, subject area and skills, grade level experience, religious background, and preferred location of employment.

A principal interested in a particular applicant in the database will contact the applicant directly and arrange for an interview. In the hiring process, the principal will validate the authenticity of the applicant's transcripts and check the applicant's references.

If a principal hires an applicant, the principal notifies the Catholic School Office, and the Catholic School Office will then send the original file to the hiring principal and remove the applicant's name from the list of available candidates. If a principal reviews an applicant's file and does not hire the applicant, the principal returns the copy of the file to the Catholic School Office, and the applicant's name is continued on the list of available applicants.

Employment applications will remain on file at the Catholic School Office for two years.

Periodically, the applicant may be asked to update his or her file regarding status of employment.

Completing the application process is not a guarantee to anyone that he or she will be interviewed for a teaching position or will obtain a teaching position in a Catholic school.

NB: Any decision to hire an applicant depends on the successful completion of a Triple I security clearance protocol through the Office of the Attorney General. The principal must provide the applicant with the Triple I Offer of Employment Letter. The applicant takes the letter to the Office of Education and Compliance where the preliminary paperwork for the Triple I security clearance is completed. The applicant does **not** go directly to the Attorney General's office. After receiving the Triple I Offer of Employment Letter, it is the applicant's responsibility to schedule an appointment at the Office of Education and Compliance.