



Julie Billiard Schools

BEYOND EDUCATION. BEYOND EXPECTATIONS.



Admissions Guide

Fall 2026



Mission

The mission of Julie Billiard Schools is to nurture and empower students with special learning needs. As Catholic K-8 schools rooted in the educational principles of the Sisters of Notre Dame, we welcome diverse faith traditions.

Vision

Julie Billiard Schools strive to build self-confidence, inspire Christian values, and empower students with skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm for life-long learning.



Faith

We teach our students to love themselves and others. Our education is about instilling faith within our students, their families, and ourselves.

Core Values



COLLABORATION

partnership • connection • growth



COMMITMENT

dedication • excellence • learning



COURAGE

bravery • determination • confidence



COMPASSION

respectful • accepting • loving



FOUR CAMPUSES. ONE TEAM.



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Principal: Chris McCloskey



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Regardless of which Julie Billiard Schools campus you are interested in, our admissions team is ready to help.



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JOIN THE JB FAMILY!



Numbers That Tell Our Story

98%

CURRENT FAMILIES
RECOMMEND
JULIE BILLIART
SCHOOLS

100%

JB STUDENTS HAVE
AN IEP/AEP

8

YEARS IN A ROW
NAMED A NASET
SCHOOL OF
EXCELLENCE

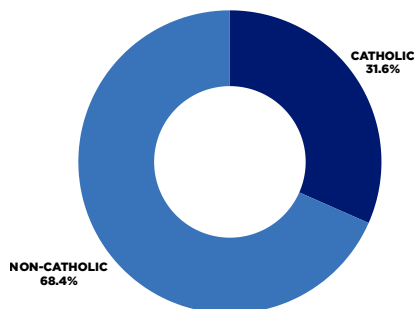
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AVERAGE DRIVE
TIME IN MINUTES
FOR FAMILIES TO
THEIR JB CAMPUS

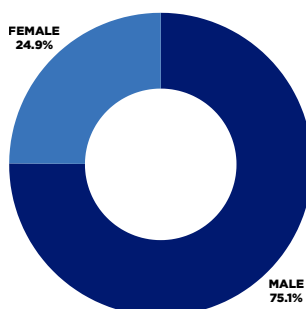
“Julie Billiard Schools helped my son in ways I never knew were possible, and I can’t say enough positive things about our experience. Due to classroom availability, he started at JB Akron, which was a 37-minute drive each way. Driving that distance twice a day may sound far, but I would do it every day for him to continue excelling the way he is.”

-JB Parent

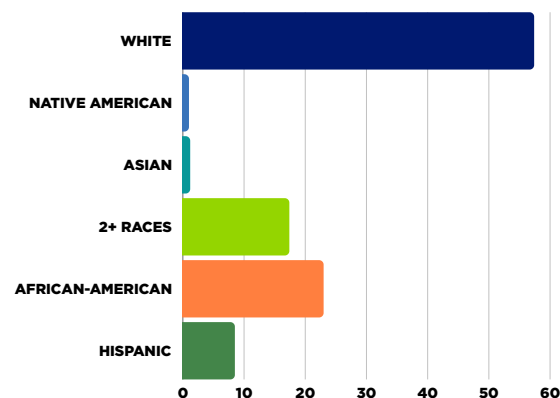
Student Demographics



RELIGION



GENDER



RACE/ETHNICITY

Explore Our Schools



Personalized attention, small class sizes, intervention specialists in every classroom, and a **team approach to the whole-child education** is built on trust to support each student's success.

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INTERVENTION
SPECIALISTS
PER GRADE

BEGINNERS
STUDENT-TO-STAFF
RATIO

4:1

KINDERGARTEN
STUDENT-TO-STAFF
RATIO

6:1

GRADES 1-2
STUDENT-TO-STAFF
RATIO

7:1

GRADES 3-8
STUDENT-TO-STAFF
RATIO

8:1

IN-SCHOOL
THERAPIES

OCCUPATIONAL

SPEECH

ART

MUSIC

ON-SITE
SUPPORTS

BOARD
CERTIFIED
BEHAVIOR
ANALYST

REGISTERED
BEHAVIOR
TECHNICIAN

SCHOOL
COUNSELOR

LITERACY
SPECIALIST

“If I can't teach your child to read, I will change the way I teach.”

-Sister Mary Francois, Sisters of Notre Dame



Every Julie Billiard Schools student is unique with their own set of special needs. Generally, **JB students meet the following criteria:**



Has an Ohio **Evaluation Team Report** (ETR) and **Individualized Education Program** (IEP)

OR

Autism Education Plan (AEP) and **Autism Diagnosis**



Mild-to-Moderate Learning and Social Differences

including but not limited to:

- Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Dyslexia/Dysgraphia/Dyscalculia
- Mild-to-Moderate Autism
- Anxiety
- Language Delays
- Executive Functioning Deficits



Age Requirements

- Beginnergarten - 5 Years Old by September 30
- Kindergarten - 5 Years Old by August 1

Explore Our Schools



At Julie Billiart Schools, **we create a village to support the child** to help them reach their goals. Everyone contributes to the child's success.

Expectations of a JB Student

- Can verbally communicate wants and needs
- Operates at a high level of independence
- Keep themselves and others safe
- Contributes to a positive learning environment



Expectations of JB Faculty & Staff

- Able to support children within two (2) grade levels of age-appropriate grade
- Openly communicate with families and caregivers about successes and opportunities to grow
- Operate at the highest level of professionalism

Expectations of Parents & Caregivers

- Openly communicate with JB staff through appropriate channels
- Provide trust and respect as we navigate your child's education together





BEGINDERGARTEN

What is Begindergarten?

Begindergarten is Julie Billiart Schools kindergarten-readiness program. Begindergarten is not pre-school or pre-kindergarten - **it is a play-based kindergarten curriculum** for children who are five years of age by Sept. 30.



Why Begindergarten?

Begindergarten helps children develop the necessary skills and tactics to prepare them for a successful kindergarten experience. **Begindergarten focuses on routines, behaviors, social-emotional growth and academics.**

Classroom Setting

- 4:1 student-to-staff ratio
- Led by early childhood intervention specialist
- Support from two paraprofessionals, occupational therapy and speech therapy in the classroom



Attend Admissions Information Session



Visit one of our campuses, meet our faculty and staff, engage in conversation with our principals, and tour our specialized learning spaces.



Admission Process Overview

Classroom Exploration

Education & On-site Therapy Models

Scholarship & Financial Aid

Engage with Teachers, Principals & Administrators

JB is proud to offer the same supports and services at all of our campuses. You are welcome to attend any of the events that fit your schedule.

Attending an Admissions Information Session is not required but strongly recommended.

Sign up for the next Admissions Info Session!



Apply Online



The **application process only takes 10-15 minutes** and can be completed online at your convenience.



Start Your Application!

Interested in more than one campus?

We have one application for all four schools!

No application fee!

We offer rolling admissions so **there's no application deadline!**

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- **Ohio IEP/ETR or AEP/Autism Diagnosis**
 - Students currently attending a private school should include their Service Plan (SP) in place of an IEP
- **Copy of Child's Birth Certificate**

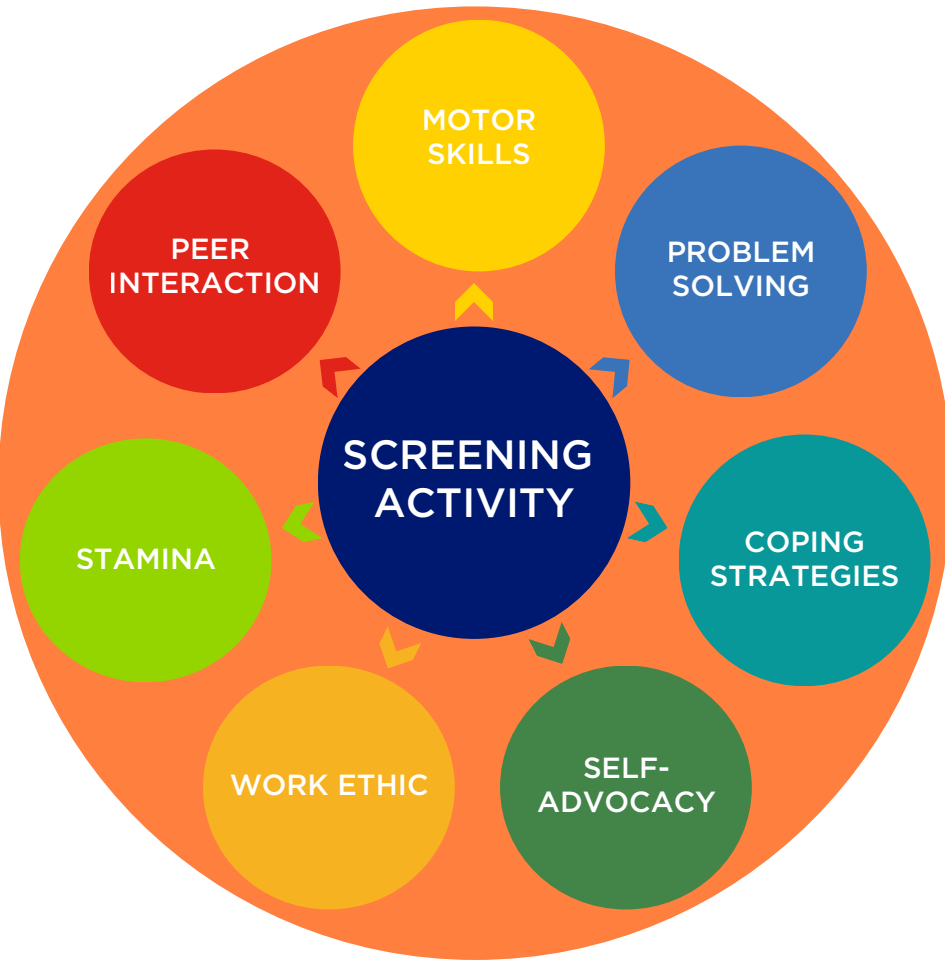
Application Review Call

Once you complete your application, we will follow up to go over your materials, learn more about the child and answer any questions! *This is a required component in the admissions process.*

Screening Activity



The screening activity is a required part of the application process and will be scheduled during your Application Review Call. Screenings take place monthly at designated campuses.



Screenings are set up as a mini school day, administered by the Screen Team and include social and academic activities (reading, math, writing and recess).

The Screen Team is comprised of our **principals, intervention specialists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, behavior support and admissions team.**

“What sets JB apart is the principal, assistant principal, teachers and support staff and how they are committed to hanging in there with you. They partner with you as the parent and your child to figure out how to climb that mountain. Not only that, they put on their gear and climb it with you.”

-JB Parent



Once the screening activity is completed, **the Screen Team will meet to evaluate Julie Billiard Schools' ability to serve the child.** Because we have rolling admissions, we do our best to follow up within a week of the screening activity.

YES

We have an immediate opening at your preferred campus.

YES

Waitlisted at a preferred campus. We may have an immediate seat at another campus.

NO

We do not have the proper services to set your child up to succeed.

Next Steps

Complete Scholarship & Financial Aid Process

Orientation

Determine Start Date

Enrollment Checklist



Please note, if you are interested in Julie Billiard Schools again in the future, re-screening can take place one calendar year following initial screening activity date.



2026-27 Tuition: \$36,820

It is our goal to make our award-winning education affordable. Tuition includes in-house therapies such as speech, occupational, music and art. An additional \$100 academic fee covers the cost of supplies and technology for each student. *Tuition does NOT include: uniforms, transportation, lunch and Aftercare.*

JB students are eligible for the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship or the Autism Scholarship. **Families apply for a scholarship after being accepted to Julie Billiart Schools.**

The chart below shows 2026-27 scholarship amounts based on the special education category as designated by their ETR. The family is responsible for costs exceeding the scholarship in addition to services not identified in the IEP. Julie Billiart Schools offers need-based financial aid on a first-come basis.

Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship

	QUALIFYING DISABILITY	SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT	TUITION BALANCE (BEFORE FINANCIAL AID)
1	Speech or Language Impairment	\$10,045	\$26,775
2	Specific Learning Disability Intellectual Disability or OHI-Minor	\$13,069	\$23,751
3	Hearing Impaired or Emotional Disturbance	\$20,069	\$16,751
4	Vision Impaired or OHI-Major	\$24,080	\$12,740
5	Orthopedic Impairment or Multiple Disability	\$29,750	\$7,070
6	Autism, Traumatic Brain Injury or Hearing and Vision Impaired	\$34,000	\$2,820

Ohio Autism Scholarship

	QUALIFYING DISABILITY	SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT	TUITION BALANCE (BEFORE FINANCIAL AID)
1	Autism	\$34,000	\$2,820

Learn More About Scholarships & Financial Aid



Scholarship & Financial Aid Award

Through generous gifts from individuals and community partners, Julie Billiart Schools offers over \$1 million in need-based financial aid per year.

All JB families may **receive financial support** in the form of scholarships from the Ohio Department of Education and financial aid.

Each family is **expected to pay some out-of-pocket** tuition costs; approximately 6-10% of their annual household income.

JB offers payment plans that work for your family! **We'll partner with you to create a plan that works best for your needs.**

Financial Award Process

After your enrollment offer, you may begin the scholarship and financial aid application process.

We will provide online scholarship and financial aid applications and guide you through the process.

You will then receive the Financial Responsibility Agreement. This includes amounts for scholarship, financial aid and family responsibility.

If you enroll after the start of the current school year, tuition and scholarships are prorated.

Supporting Our Families

We know this process may be overwhelming. The admissions team will continue to work with you and your child for as long as needed, including scheduling orientation, determining start date, and other onboarding activities.

We are here with you on your JB Journey.

Learn More About Scholarships & Financial Aid





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