



Did You Know?

Facts about the Catholic Schools
Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph

The Diocese operates the **largest non-public school system in northern and western Missouri**, with 12,483 students and 1,067 teachers.

Students thrive with **personalized learning**. Overall, students in our 46 schools enjoy a 12:1 student to teacher ratio.

Students come to school each day eager and ready to learn. The **daily attendance rate is 95%**.

Catholic high schools report a virtually non-existent drop-out rate. For the Class of 2008, **100% received diplomas** and 99% enrolled in college or university.

Catholic schools are **diverse learning communities**. Some 15% are from faith traditions other than Catholic and 20% represent diverse ethnic and racial groups.

The emphasis on diversity brings students together from **varied economic backgrounds**. One out of every five high school students receives tuition assistance or a work grant to help with the costs of education.

The **Central City School Fund** provides tuition assistance, operational support and professional development of faculty to four neighborhood schools in the urban core. In this school year, the program will support 576 students.

Within the **Central City Schools**, 76% of the students meet federal poverty guidelines and one-third live with grandparents or other guardians.

A leading edge program, the **Foundation for Inclusive Religious Education (F.I.R.E.)** makes inclusive education attainable in the Diocese. F.I.R.E. develops funds to underwrite a portion of the program costs.

Catholic educators believe high school students should keep all options open, take rigorous curriculum, and prepare for college. Of the graduates of the Class of 2008, **99% of our students took the ACT** test. The national average is 40%.

As 6th grade students taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, **27% of the current 7th grade scored at the level required for the Duke University Talent Identification Program**.

All schools are accredited by the North Central Association, National Federation of Nonpublic Schools, the National Association for the Education of the Young Child, and other recognized accrediting organizations.