

Catholic Schools

Of the Diocese Of Richmond

Catholic Identity

- **Religious Programs for Students**
The K-12 Diocesan Consensus curriculum is based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the *National Directory for Catechesis*.
- **Religious Certification for Teachers**
All teachers of Religion must acquire religion teacher certification through the Diocesan program, *Handing on the Faith*. This certification includes 10 hours of Catholic faith-based continuing education annually.
- **Religious Formation**
As members of an active faith community students are taught in formal religion/theology classes. They are nurtured through prayer and liturgical experiences, as well as through service and outreach opportunities. They are inspired to witness through integrated life experiences modeled by the school community.
- **ACRE Testing**
The Assessment of Catholic Religious Education evaluation is administered to students in grades 5, 8, and 12. ACRE is an integrated, multi-level survey instrument designed to provide information regarding students' religious knowledge, beliefs, and practices.

Safety

- **Child Safety Programs**
100% of Diocesan teachers participate in the child protection program, VIRTUS, which ensures a safe environment for children within the community of the Church.
- **School Safety Programs**
100% teachers/staff receive state and Diocesan approved background and fingerprint checks; all schools adhere to detailed and well supervised drop-off and pick-up procedures.
- **State Health Programs**
100% of schools adhere to state health regulations.
- **Crisis Management Plans**
All schools are required to have safety plans in place for emergency situations.
- **Internet Safety**
Schools provide training for both students and parents in Internet safety issues. Schools are required to utilize Internet Acceptable Use Policies stipulating the appropriate use of the Internet.

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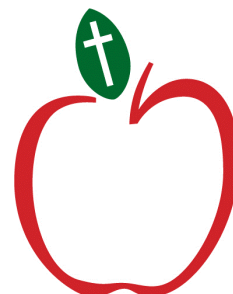


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- Established for education in 2008, with the vision to secure and enhance the future of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Richmond
- 650 students awarded over \$200,000 in need-based scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year by the McMahon Parater Foundation

Program

- **Teacher Certification**
Teachers are required to hold or be pursuing licensure by the State Department of Education.
- **Curriculum**
The Diocesan Consensus Curriculum developed collaboratively involving all teachers is based on both State and National Standards.
- **Accreditation**
Schools hold dual accreditation from the Virginia Catholic Education Association (VCEA) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCASI). Both standards-based systems focus on continuous school improvement.



Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Richmond Academics At A Glance

- Elementary Schools.....22
- High Schools.....7
- Pre-School Programs.....24
- Accredited Schools.....100%
- Recognized Blue Ribbon Schools.....7
- Total Student Enrollment.....9,861
- Minority Students.....16%
- High School Graduation Rate.....100%
- Graduates Attending Post-Secondary Schools.....99%
- Teaching Staff.....771
- Diocesan SAT Scores VS. National Average.....+11%
- Annual Savings to Virginia Taxpayers.....\$104,120,244
- Cost Per Student.....\$5,948
(does not include private Catholic Schools)
- Square Miles of the Diocese of Richmond.....33,000

Savings to the Public Schools in the Diocese of Richmond

City/County	Catholic School Pupil #'s	Local Pupil Expenditure	Savings Per Pupil
Bristol	161	\$9,567	\$1,540,287
Charlottesville	368	\$14,362	\$5,285,216
Chesterfield	439	\$8,626	\$3,786,814
Danville	243	\$9,835	\$2,389,905
Hampton	187	\$9,839	\$1,839,893
Henrico	829	\$8,349	\$6,921,321
Lynchburg	211	\$10,154	\$2,142,494
Newport News	777	\$10,075	\$7,828,275
Norfolk	1168	\$10,316	\$12,049,088
Petersburg	116	\$10,385	\$1,204,660
Portsmouth	169	\$10,074	\$1,702,506
Powhatan	437	\$9,351	\$4,086,387
Richmond	1369	\$13,119	\$17,959,911
Roanoke	512	\$10,526	\$5,389,312
Virginia Beach	2175	\$10,489	\$22,813,575
Williamsburg	700	\$10,258	\$7,180,600
Annual Savings			\$104,120,244

