



DIOCESE OF  
WHEELING-CHARLESTON

# A SNAPSHOT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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## THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catholic education is one important way we share the gift of our faith with the world.



### MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic school communities of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are committed to providing quality education in the Catholic tradition for all students in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment.

We accompany families in challenging children to recognize, develop, and share their God-given gifts and talents.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

A Catholic education provides a unique opportunity to develop the whole child academically, socially, and spiritually. We are proud and blessed to partner with families who seek the highest quality learning environment for their children. We thank you for entrusting your children to our care and want to take this opportunity to share all the great things happening across our 24 schools in the great state of West Virginia!

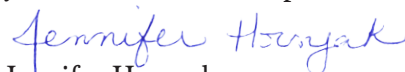
Our focus on growth in all areas of a student's life is crucial to our success. With an emphasis on Catholic values and principles embedded within our school communities, we lay the foundation for our students to understand their place and purpose in the world while serving others.

Our focus on growth has also led to increased enrollment, academic success, and expanded post-secondary options for our graduates. In providing the best opportunities possible, we encourage our students to understand their role in integrating new knowledge and skills in respectful and productive

ways. Our schools routinely surpass state and national benchmarks on key measures of success, including academics, attendance, engagement, and service.

We are proud of our administrators, teachers, and staff for their unwavering commitment to serving our students and their families. When students are part of a nurturing and supportive learning culture, they feel more positive and confident. We recognize that there is always room to grow and improve!

With a focus on academics, faith formation, and moral development shaped by the Catholic faith, our schools are an excellent choice for parents seeking a challenging and nurturing Christ-centered learning environment for their children. We thank you for being a part of our school community and for choosing Catholic education. If you have not yet joined us, we strongly encourage you to reach out to your school or our department for more information.



Jennifer Hornyak,  
Interim Superintendent of Catholic Schools

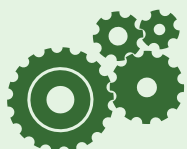
## MISSION AND CATHOLIC IDENTITY

**Our Catholic schools have:**

- ⌘ Daily religion classes
- ⌘ Prayer throughout the school day
- ⌘ Weekly and monthly Masses
- ⌘ Student and faculty retreats
- ⌘ Reconciliation services
- ⌘ Living Rosaries
- ⌘ Service clubs and organizations
- ⌘ School-wide service hours
- ⌘ Involvement in the parish
- ⌘ *Education in Virtue* program
- ⌘ *Theology of the Body* curriculum



This year, one of the most important new initiatives has been the introduction of Theology of the Body program (TOB), through Ruah Woods, as a supplemental curriculum for all students in grades K-12 and to support faith formation for all faculty and staff. Faculty and staff have been able to reflect on issues as they collectively learn about the teachings of TOB. This focus has been important as we strive to form our young people in a world that is often challenging to understand.



## OPERATIONAL VITALITY

Diocesan Tuition Assistance (TAP) was 1 million dollars for the 2023-2024 school year, supporting students and their families, both Catholic and non-Catholic.

# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

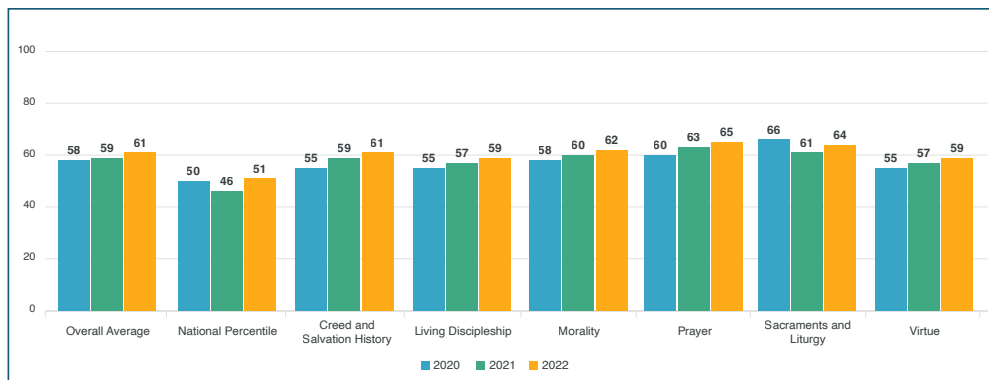


As part of our mission to integrate lessons and build students' knowledge of the Catholic faith, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has partnered with ARK to assess religious knowledge and beliefs of students in grades 2-12. This assessment is administered annually in the spring, and the data is used to assist our schools in monitoring teacher and student knowledge and growth. Additionally, student scores and easy to use

recommended resources may be provided so parents can support teaching the faith at home.

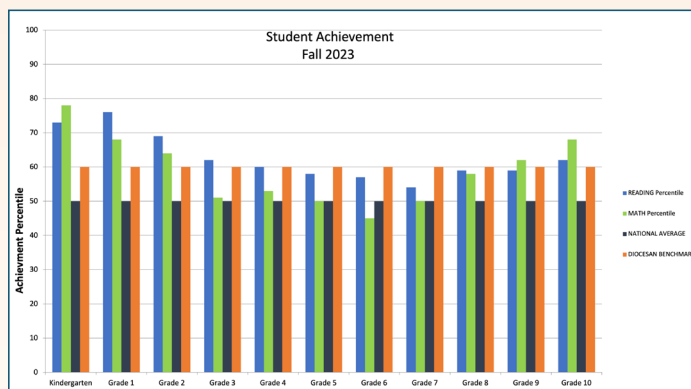
Based on the 2020-2022 assessments for all students, our students are scoring above national percentile ranges overall. This data is also disaggregated further at the district and school levels to help us focus on strong areas as well as growth opportunities.

*\*\*Please note that 2020 is for the 2020-2021 school year, 2021 is for the 2021-2022 school year, and 2022 is for the 2022-2023 school year. Individual school results may be obtained from each school's principal.*



All Catholic Schools within the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston incorporate the NWEA MAP Growth Assessments to monitor each student's progress over time and to inform educators of instructional decisions. NWEA MAP Growth is a dynamic adaptive assessment that measures students' achievement and growth in K-10 math, reading, language usage, and science and is administered in the fall, winter, and spring.

- Fall 2023 assessments showed students are scoring above national averages in all grade levels for reading and in most grade levels for math.
- Growth data indicates average grade-level performance scores in reading, language usage, and math increased from Fall 2022 to Fall 2023



Students in grade 11 participate in college prep examinations, including the SAT and the ACT:

- Students who took the ACT scored an average composite score exceeding WV and national averages.
- Our SAT averages for overall Composite Score, Math Score, and EBRW (Evidence-based reading and writing) exceed national and WV averages.

## GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Enrollment has increased across our WV Catholic schools over the last three academic years.

2021-2022  
  
4,259 Students

2022-2023  
  
4,422 Students

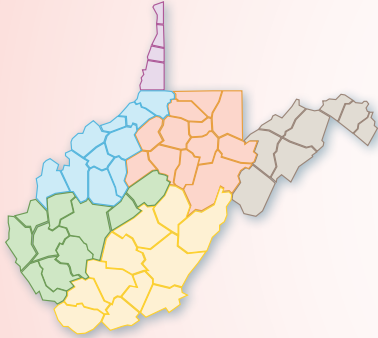
2023-2024  
  
4,579 Students



# DID YOU KNOW?



## SYSTEM AT A GLANCE



18 Elementary Schools | 6 High Schools | 7.5% Minorities  
482 Professional Staff | 13 Counties served by Catholic Schools  
4,579 Elementary & Secondary Students  
190 Graduates in the Class of 2023  
43% of Catholic School students are non-Catholic

**THREE**

of our Catholic High schools were among only 7 in the state to earn the AP (Advancement Placement) School Honor Roll Award. Congratulations to Charleston Catholic High School (Charleston), Notre Dame High School (Clarksburg) and Central Catholic High School (Wheeling)

**11:1** Professional Staff  
to Student Ratio

The Class of 2023 had a  
**100%**  
graduation rate

**ALL**

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are accredited through COGNIA, which provides school accreditation at the national level

**98%**

of the class of 2023 continued to higher education

**22**

students from our Diocesan High Schools joined others from across the country to attend NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) in Indianapolis to experience a life-changing encounter with Christ

**Robust Robotics**  
programs are in place in many of our schools

**Tuition Assistance**  
is available to both Catholic and non-Catholic families in need

**100%**

of students participate in various community service projects throughout the school year

**HOPE**  
**SCHOLARSHIP**  
**WEST VIRGINIA**

The **Hope Scholarship Program** is the state of West Virginia's education savings account (ESA) program that will allow parents and families to utilize the state portion of their education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for them.

To Learn more about the HOPE Scholarship Program, please visit: [WWW.HOPESCHOLARSHIPWV.COM](http://WWW.HOPESCHOLARSHIPWV.COM)