



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
DIOCESE *of* DES MOINES

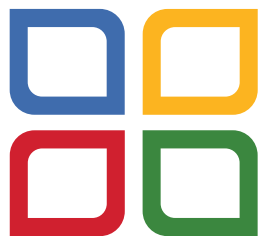


EXPECT MORE.
**EXPLORE
CATHOLIC
EDUCATION.**

DIOCESE OF DES MOINES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Christ the King <i>PS3, PK4, K-8 Des Moines</i>	Sacred Heart <i>PS3, PK4, TK5, K-8 West Des Moines</i>	St. Augustin <i>PK4, TK5, K-8 Des Moines</i>	St. Malachy <i>PS3, PK4, K-8 Creston</i>
Dowling Catholic <i>9-12 West Des Moines</i>	Shelby County Catholic <i>PK4, K-6 Harlan</i>	St. Francis of Assisi <i>PS3, PK4, K-8 Des Moines</i>	St. Patrick <i>PK4, K-8 Perry</i>
Holy Family <i>PK4, K-8 Des Moines</i>	St. Albert Catholic <i>Birth-2, PS3, PK4, K-12 Council Bluffs</i>	St. Joseph <i>PK4, K-8 Des Moines</i>	St. Pius X <i>PK4, K-8 Urbandale</i>
Holy Trinity <i>PS3, PK4, TK5, K-8 Des Moines</i>	St. Anthony <i>PS3, PK4, K-8 Des Moines</i>	St. Luke <i>K-8 Ankeny</i>	St. Theresa <i>PK4, K-8 Des Moines</i>

OUR MISSION



Catholic schools in the Diocese of Des Moines are collaborative communities of spiritual formation and academic excellence, **where students grow in faith and wisdom and emerge as responsible citizens** dedicated to the practice of life-long discipleship.

Located throughout the Diocese of Des Moines, our 16 schools challenge students to aim higher academically, spiritually and personally. At Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools, we believe Catholic education should be rooted in **faith**, focused on **excellence** and supported by a caring **community** while also providing the best **value** to our families. Our schools deliver more for each and every student because we believe you should expect more from your child's education.



Business card

EXPECT A FAITH-FILLED ENVIRONMENT.

At Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools, faith is incorporated into the daily curriculum to provide a foundation for success. Faith formation promotes a relationship with Christ and teaches students how to live the Gospel through love and service to others. While Catholic faith is the cornerstone of our schools, we welcome students of all faith traditions.

Daily exposure to our faith-based mission and a caring culture enables students (Catholic and non-Catholic) to learn about the divine teachings of Jesus Christ and freely discuss the compatibility of faith, science and reason without government restrictions or interference.

Through the lens of Catholic social teaching, we encourage our students to respect the diversity, dignity and beliefs of all in pursuit of knowledge and truth through critical thinking and constructive debate. This helps form strong principals, a moral center and a vibrant community that celebrates all achievements for the common good.



Our schools develop character through
an education rooted in faith and service.

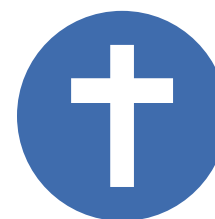
FAITH BY THE NUMBERS.



90%
Catholic



700+
all-school
Masses annually



10%
other
faiths



120,000
service hours
annually



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relationship with Christ.

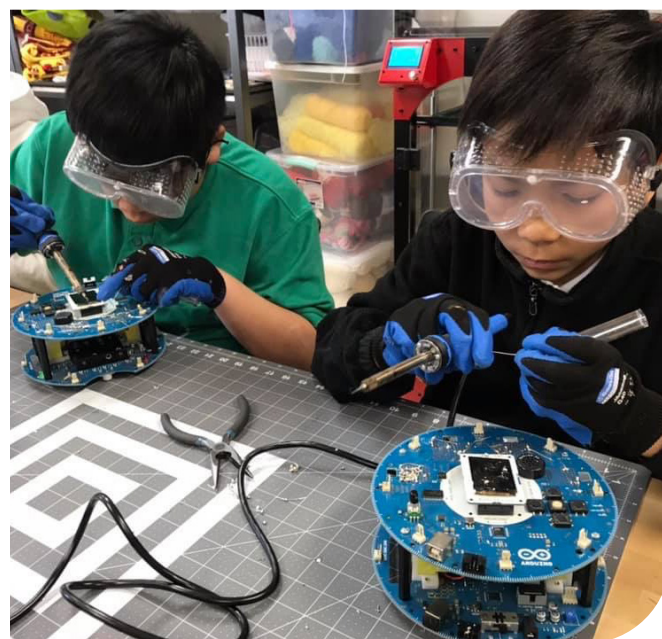
EXPECT EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.

Our schools provide a caring, creative and quality learning environment for students in PreK - 12th grade. Our class sizes are small, but the subjects we teach are big. In addition to Common Core-aligned curriculum, we offer STEM education, fine arts, language immersion and diverse learner support.

Excellence is relentlessly pursued in academics by instilling a culture of continuous improvement. As a result, our schools challenge all students to aim higher academically, spiritually and personally.

Our students:

- Accept Church, civic and personal responsibility, demonstrating global awareness and social justice principles.
- Access and communicate information and ideas in various ways, including through technology.
- Think critically and creatively to solve problems and react constructively to change.
- Cultivate an understanding and appreciation of science, math, history and the arts.



Our schools strive for excellence through **creativity, problem-solving and innovation.**

EXCELLENCE BY THE NUMBERS.



13:1

average student
to teacher ratio



FIVE

schools with Blue
Ribbon designation



ALL 16

schools have state
accreditation

Academic Outcomes

	3rd grade	8th grade	Our students scored
Reading	83rd percentile	88th percentile	8.8 percentage points higher (3rd - 8th grade)
Math	81st percentile	84th percentile	9.9 percentage points higher (9th - 11th grade)
Science	90th percentile	94th percentile	than other schools across all core subjects

Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools:

- 100% graduation rate
- 96% college attendance rate

Other Catholic schools:

- 99% graduation rate
- 88% college attendance rate



Catholic school students **consistently outperform public and other private school students** on standardized tests.

EXPECT A CARING COMMUNITY.

If you walk the halls of our Catholic schools, you'll discover not just a great learning environment, but also an opportunity to form lifelong friendships with students and families who have the same values, aspirations and desires to advance the common good. We partner with our parishes and parents to create a welcoming community that helps students feel more secure, allowing them to focus on their education.

Our schools have a rich tradition that binds our communities and connects families, teachers and staff on a deeper level. Many of our faculty attended Catholic schools and grew up in our communities. Because of these relationships, they are personally invested in the success of our students and schools.

A regional school system

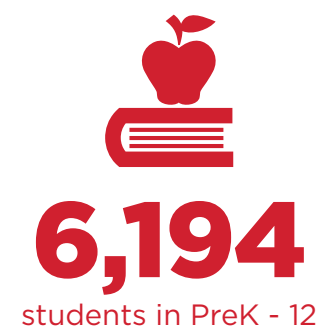
We offer 16 Catholic schools across three regions including the Des Moines Metro, Council Bluffs and rural communities (Perry, Creston and Harlan). These three regions collaborate to ensure best practices in education, long-term viability of our schools and academic excellence for all students.



Our schools **build community through Christ** and a network of parishes and schools.

COMMUNITY BY THE NUMBERS.

Our Schools



Our Diocese



This sense of belonging helps students feel **more secure**, allowing them to **focus on their education**.

EXPECT THE BEST VALUE IN EDUCATION.

Investing in your child's education with a Catholic school in the Diocese of Des Moines is about more than a number written in black and white — it's about our multi-dimensional teaching approach for the mind, body and soul.

It's about the daily exposure to our faith-based mission and a caring culture. It's about having quality and supportive educators with challenging lesson plans and new technologies at your disposal. It's about a creative, disciplined and welcoming environment. It's about learning "Life's Biggest Subjects" and celebrating moral achievements, not just test score results.

An education at Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools is an investment in your child's future, and it might be more affordable than you think. Tuition assistance is available through grants, the Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) and more.



If you desire a Catholic education for your child, **we will help you find a way.**

VALUE BY THE NUMBERS.

40% of students receive tuition assistance (CTO)

Return on Investment



91%

attend Catholic
high school



100%

graduate high school



96%

attend college

\$13.2 million

in college scholarships were awarded to our 2020 graduates



Are you ready to **expect more?**
Contact our admissions team at
expectmore@dmdiocese.org to
schedule your personalized tour.

