

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The religion program of a school must present the central doctrines and morals of the Catholic faith clearly and accurately, and be supported and enhanced by community service and liturgical experiences.

All schools must follow the diocesan Religion Curriculum and adopt textbooks from the approved list. Any deviation from the Religion Curriculum or approved textbooks will be made only with the permission of the superintendent.

Sacramental preparation is arranged in conjunction with diocesan and parish guidelines.

Each diocesan high school must establish a four-year Campus Ministry Program adapted to the intellectual, moral, spiritual, and emotional growth of high school students. These programs must include ministry and service components.

Religious Observances

The faculty and students of diocesan schools shall participate in daily prayer, regularly scheduled liturgies, and other devotions. Schools must provide liturgy on holy days and at a minimum of once a month. When a school sponsored fieldtrip occurs on a weekends, arrangements must be made for students to attend Mass. Traditional devotions including but not limited to the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Benediction, and May Crowning should be provided. No principal, teacher or student will be exempted from participation in religious observances which are deemed part of the school program.