

Philosophy

Holy Angels School is a vital part of the Holy Angels Parish community. We recognize parents and guardians as the primary educators. Parents, students and teachers collaborate to model respect, compassion and responsibility through a curriculum that incorporates Catholic truths and values. We are committed to the development of the whole child, spiritually and academically.

Mission Statement

As the community of Holy Angels, we challenge students of diverse backgrounds and abilities to strive for academic excellence through a quality curriculum that embodies Catholic values and traditions. Working together with parents, guardians and students, we aim to instill the skills necessary to prepare our youth for the challenges of the future.

School Wide Learning Expectations

The School Wide Learning Expectations (SLE's) were revisited during the 2007-2008 school year. At the faculty retreat in August 2007, Associate Superintendent, Bret Allen, facilitated a workshop in which teachers reviewed the School Wide Learning Expectations. In the fall of 2007, the WASC leadership team attended an Archdiocesan workshop in which the Associate Superintendent, Sr. Marianne Viani, provided guidelines and protocol to assist in the revision of the SLE's.

Faculty and staff were involved in the evaluation and revision process during scheduled faculty meetings and a consensus was reached that student understanding was in need of improvement. Several drafts were written and evaluated at subsequent meetings. Ultimately, this process yielded learning expectations that were in simple, child accessible language. The final draft of the School Wide Learning Expectations was approved by faculty, staff and parent representatives.

It is the school's goal that reinforcement and practice of the School Wide Learning Expectations will produce a successful, accomplished graduate. Students are aware of the three main learning expectations *Be Like Jesus*, *Be the Best You Can Be*, and *Be Responsible Citizens* through poster sized copies prominently displayed in each classroom. Teachers incorporate the SLE's in their weekly lesson plans and convey them to the students during lessons and activities. Most students communicate awareness verbally or through use of colored dots on written work. On written work, a red dot represents *Be Like Jesus*, purple represents *Be the Best You Can Be*, and green represents *Be Responsible Citizens*. In addition, the SLE's are demonstrated in student portfolios and on school bulletin boards.

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Student Learning Expectations

Profile of a Holy Angels Student

Holy Angels School based the profile of its students on a comprehensive understanding of curriculum, which includes the spiritual, intellectual, social, psychological and physical experiences of all students. This statement represents what we consider the important characteristics of an ideal student.

Be Like Jesus

- Pray, attend mass, and receive the sacraments on a regular basis
- Share time and talent within the local community
- Respect and celebrate cultural diversity
- Make wise choices based on the teachings of Jesus

Be the Best You Can Be

- Listen, read, write, and speak clearly
- Meet the academic standards of the school
- Celebrate strengths and strive to meet challenges

Be Responsible Citizens

- Follow directions and school rules
 - Use technology ethically
- Stop, think, pray, and choose before acting