



Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

West Virginia Catholic Schools



A Snapshot of Catholic Schools *Faith, Tradition, and Excellence*

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to providing excellent Catholic schools with strong academics while nurturing responsibility, accountability, citizenship, and empathy in a Christ-centered learning environment.

2025–2026

System at a Glance

18 Elementary Schools | 7 High Schools

458 Professional Staff

12 Counties served by Catholic Schools

11:1 Professional Staff to Student Ratio

45% of Catholic School students are non-Catholic

Growing Enrollment

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

2023-2024



4,452
Students

2024-2025



4,673
Students

2025-2026



4,904
Students



From the Desk of the Superintendent: Jennifer Hornyak

In our Catholic schools, we see education as a lifelong journey of both the mind and the soul. From our youngest learners to our graduating seniors, we provide a supportive environment where academic rigor meets deep-rooted Catholic faith. As partners with parents, their children’s first teachers, we work side-by-side with families and local communities to ensure our students grow into compassionate, faith-filled citizens who lead by example. By weaving Gospel values into every lesson, we help our youth discover the vital role faith plays in their daily lives and the larger society.

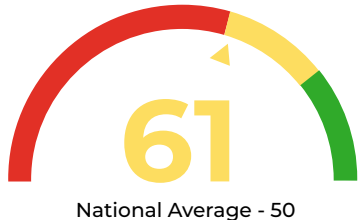
We are entering an exciting era for our families as the HOPE Scholarship program expands eligibility for the

2026-2027 school year. To build on this momentum, our schools are working to align tuition more closely with the actual cost to educate (ACE), allowing us to continually improve our schools in many ways including expanding academic programs and enhancing operational vitality.

We are so proud of our students for their achievements made possible through their hard work, faith and perseverance in all areas of their lives. As our students and academic honors continue to flourish, we thank those who have been on this journey with us over many years and we invite others to be a part of our flourishing story.



DWC Average Student Score



Excellence is the hallmark of a Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Catholic School, and the proof is in our faith formation and academic achievements. As part of our mission to integrate lessons and build students’ knowledge of the Catholic faith, we have partnered with ARK to assess the religious knowledge and beliefs of students in grades 2-12. This assessment helps us focus on strengths as well as growth opportunities. Students respond to questions on the following domains: creed and salvation history, living discipleship, morality, prayer, sacraments and liturgy, and virtue. Based on 2025 assessment data, our students’ strongest domain performance was: morality. Annual review of this data will assist us in helping our students grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith.



Strong Foundation



Gospel Values



Service



Nurturing Environment



Faith



Success

Faith & Tradition

Our mission includes ensuring that students are educated in the basic truths of the Catholic faith and that Gospel values permeate all subjects and are practiced by the entire school community. We provide a holistic curriculum to assist our youth in seeing and understanding the role of faith in one’s daily life and in the larger society. Combining our focus on faith along with Catholic traditions, we provide many opportunities for our students to grow academically and spiritually.



- ✚ Supporting the development of a genuine community of faith, steeped in a Catholic worldview, among students, faculty, and the whole school community
- ✚ Daily prayer, weekly and monthly masses, and retreats
- ✚ Participation in the annual Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK) to build on our strengths and provide direction in our teachings and programs
- ✚ Fostering awareness and missionary discipleship of peace and justice issues by encouraging Christian service
- ✚ Preparing students to receive sacraments including First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation



Our students participate in the NWEA MAP Growth assessments three times per year to help schools monitor student achievement and growth in reading, language, and mathematics. Performance data indicates performance scores in the high average range and show growth across all schools, grade levels, and subjects.

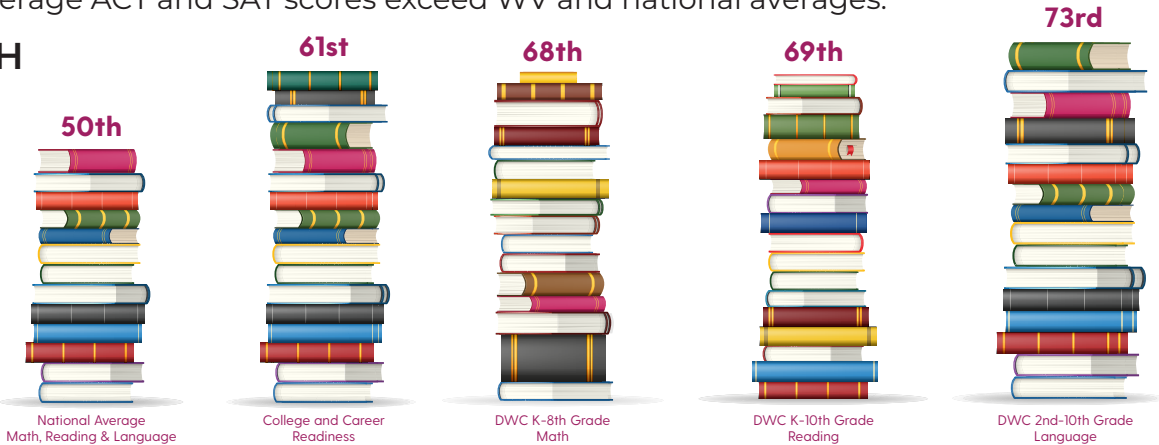
Secondary students also participate in college preparatory examinations including the SAT, ACT, and PSAT. Our average ACT and SAT scores exceed WV and national averages.

MAP GROWTH FALL 2025 ACHIEVEMENT DATA

*Average Range (41-60th percentile)

*High Average Range (61-80th percentile)

*High Range (81-99th percentile)



CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

throughout West Virginia

The Class of 2025 had a 99% graduation rate.

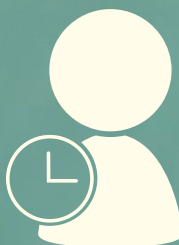


Theology of the Body is implemented at all of our schools.

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



9 of 18 of our Elementary and Middle Schools have a waiting list for one or more grade levels.



HOPE SCHOLARSHIP expands eligibility for the 2026-2027 school year.
Visit: hopescholarshipwv.gov

11:1 Professional Staff to Student Ratio.

100% of students participate in various community service projects throughout the school year.

1 MILLION DOLLARS in Tuition Assistance is available to both Catholic and non-Catholic families in need.

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