

Academic Excellence Reflection

St. George Catholic School expresses a commitment to academic excellence through a rigorous curriculum aligned with relevant standards, 21st century skills, and Gospel values implemented through effective instruction. The highly qualified, dedicated faculty and staff evaluate, modify and guide the curriculum and student learning using school wide assessments, rubrics, projects, tests, observations, collaborative group work and oral presentations. Vertical alignment across all subject areas is a continuous focus through curriculum mapping and department meetings. Terra Nova and ACRE scores are reviewed in and across grade levels to guide instruction. Religious education is integrated into the curriculum and is incorporated in the education experience both inside and outside the classroom. St. George Catholic School offers a variety of curricular experiences, programs and services that are designed to meet the spiritual, social, intellectual, and physical needs of the students.

St. George Catholic School would like to increase the integration of Religion in all subject areas. Although there are many opportunities for students to be active participants in religious experiences, it would benefit the students even greater if they had lessons infused with Catholic faith and tradition in all subjects. Moreover, continued staff development with a focus on effective instruction practices, as well as how to use student self-assessment as an evaluative tool, is recommended. Increased communication of standardized test results and grade level expectations is desired.

St. George Catholic School continuously strives to grow and improve as a school community. St. George Catholic School will continue to actively develop and review curriculum maps to maintain vertical alignment, clearly articulated goals, integration of Gospel values, effective instruction practices, and an academically rigorous curriculum based on 21st century learning. St. George Catholic School will continue the use of school wide assessment methods and practices as a tool for guiding, modifying, and addressing student and curriculum needs. Religious education will continue to be implemented and utilized to nurture academic excellence, Christian character, and service to others.

St. George Catholic School strives for excellence in all facets. In order to continue improving, St. George Catholic School E-walk observations will be used to monitor curriculum alignment and the integration of religion into all subject areas. Religion teachers will be encouraged to use curriculum maps to assist subject area teachers to better integrate religion into all subjects. St. George Catholic School will continually reevaluate both strengths and weaknesses in order to achieve academic excellence. St. George Catholic School will provide a clear understanding of how to read and interpret assessment results to parents and stakeholders. This will be done during conference time and through individual teacher emails and announcements. Standardized results will be explained in Dragon Tales. In order to fully understand grade level expectations and to accurately set quarterly goals for achievement, students and parents will be provided with copies of report cards.