

# Academic Profile for School Year 2014-2015

for schools participating in the Educational Credit for  
Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Program

School Name:

**St. Peter's Catholic School**

## SUPPORT LEVEL I

### SCHOOL INFORMATION:



**Address:** 70 Lady's Island Drive, Beaufort, SC 29907

**Headmaster:** Joseph R. Benning

**Principal:** Same

**Website address:** [www.edline.net/pages/st\\_peter\\_beaufort](http://www.edline.net/pages/st_peter_beaufort)

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**Mission Statement or Philosophy:** The mission of St. Peter's Catholic School is to meet the learning needs of all our students and to recognize the individual uniqueness God has instilled in each of them. We provide an interscholastic program where our primary academic goal is to educate the whole child. It is the aim of our school to provide an environment and educational program that encompasses the elements of moral, intellectual, physical, emotion and social development.

**School History:** In 1987, Father Martin Laughlin, now Monsignor, looked over his congregation at St. Peter's Church. He saw many young parents, and had a vision of them waiting for their children to be dismissed from school. He knew that they wanted to educate their children, and that the education should be at a Catholic school. In August of 1991, the parents of 79 children took a leap of faith and enrolled their children in K4 - 1st grade in an eight room education wing of the parish complex. The new school consisted of five classrooms, a library, a work room and an office. As grades were added, the existing space diminished until, in 1995, Father Laughlin was given permission by the bishop at that time, to construct a new building on the church property on Lady's Island. Through the support of the parishioners, and the vision of the pastor, St. Peter's Catholic School was built in its current location. The purpose of the new building would be two-fold - it would serve the students of the school as well as the students of the Parish School of Religion. To this day, the Catechetical Education Center continues this service to both ministries. Grades were continually added until St. Peter's became a pre-kindergarten through eighth grade school. The first eighth grade class consisted of four students and their graduation was held in the spring of 1998.

### **School Accreditations & Affiliations:**

Southern Association of Colleges and School (SACS), South Carolina Independent Schools Association, National Catholic Educational Association, Diocese of Charleston

### **Non-Discriminatory Policy:**

No student shall be refused admission to St. Peter's Catholic School on the basis of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin. Students of religious denominations other than Catholic may be admitted when there is space available.

***All data and information included in this Academic Profile are self-reported by the school.***

**SUPPORT LEVEL I:** Traditional school/classroom environment with no specific special education services provided but strives to make needed accommodations for exceptional needs students who struggle in academic areas.

**SUPPORT LEVEL II:** Traditional school/classroom environment with a specially designed program or learning resource center to provide needed accommodations based on the needs of exceptional needs students.

**SUPPORT LEVEL III:** A school specifically existing to meet the needs of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities.

## WHOLE SCHOOL PROFILE:

### STUDENTS

**2014-15 Enrollment:**  
158

### TEACHERS

**Number of Classroom Teachers:** 12

**Detail on teachers' training if applicable:**  
All Certified and 50% with Master of Arts Degrees

### ECENC PROGRAM

#### SERVICES FOR STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE EDUCATIONAL CREDIT FOR EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS CHILDREN PROGRAM

**Children with the following challenges may be eligible to be served:** Mild Autism, Dyslexia, OCD, OHI

**Features of Curriculum / Instructional Program(s) used for eligible students:** In addition to our regular curriculum, students with special needs are given accommodations according to their individual needs. Students needing help with reading and math are referred to The Learning Center of Beaufort County which is housed in our facility.

**Assessments:** The Iowa Assessments are given at second through eighth grades and the COG/AT at the first and fourth grades. The Fontes and Pennell Benchmark Reading Assessment is also given to student who are in need of extra reading services.

**\*Assessment Results:**

### SCHOOL

**Grade Span:** K3 - 8

**Student to Teacher Ratio:** 14:1

**Grading System:** 4.0 Base System

**Graduation Requirements:** NA

**Curriculum / Instructional Programs:** The K3–K5 programs provide hands-on learning experiences and social interactions. The lower grades provide a broad program of content-oriented learning activities. The upper grades include religion, language arts, math, science, and social studies. Art, music, PE and Spanish enhance the curriculum

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**Assessment Results:**

St. Peter's Catholic School students' average score on the Iowa Assessments is in the upper third of the nation. This average reflects all students including those with special needs.



**\*Data only reported when exceptional needs population at school totals at least 10.**