

Academic Profile for School Year 2013-2014

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

School Name:

St. Joseph's Catholic School

SUPPORT LEVEL II

SCHOOL INFORMATION:



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Mission Statement or Philosophy: SJCS is a private, Roman Catholic, co-educational, college preparatory day school recognized and approved by and within the Diocese of Charleston. SJCS seeks academic excellence and strives to form the minds, hearts, and souls of its students in the Likeness of Christ.

School History: A forty-year dream for a Catholic High School in the Upstate became a reality when, in 1993, the work and prayers of many individuals, united by the desire to improve the choices for secondary education in the area, culminated in the opening of St. Joseph's High School in Greenville. The school's beginnings, or what those close to the school often refer to as "The Miracle", began with a group of nine lay founders. Armed with a single donation of \$800, these founders set out on a massive mailing campaign to "get the word out" that after many years of planning and discussions, the school was finally going to open. On August 26, 1993, classes began at St. Joseph's High School for thirteen ninth grade students in a small house leased to the school for one dollar by St. Michael's Lutheran Church on Augusta Road. From its inception, SJCS has grown to its current size of 685 students and more than 50 full time teachers. For the last six years, St. Joseph's has been recognized by the National Catholic Honor Role as a School of Excellence, a designation given to less than 5% of schools nationwide.

School Accreditations & Affiliations:

South Carolina Independent School Association;
AdvancED/SACS; National Catholic Educational
Association

Non-Discriminatory Policy:

SJCS welcomes students of other religious backgrounds in an atmosphere of Christian love. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, or national origin.

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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

2013-14 Enrollment:
685

TEACHERS

Number of Classroom Teachers: 55

Detail on teachers' training if applicable:

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: ADD; ADHD; various forms of Dyslexia; Processing disorders and delays; Autism spectrum disorders

Features of Curriculum / Instructional Program(s) used for eligible students:

We have two programs for students with various levels of learning challenges. The Thomas Aquinas program is a one period pull-out program with a dedicated teacher and classroom. The focus is on study skills and content reinforcement. The Saint John Bosco program uses the SOAR curriculum for study and organizational skills.

Assessments: Neither program uses specific assessments. All students are tested with their peers across the school but may take advantage of the necessary accommodations as allowed by the testing agency and the school.

***Assessment Results:**

Aquinas and Bosco student results were reported with the school as a whole.

SCHOOL

Grade Span: 6-12

Student to Teacher Ratio: 12:1

Grading System: South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale; We also have a cumulative weighted average for all students

Graduation Requirements:

26.5 credits; 4 Theology; 4 English; 4 Mathematics; 3 Science; 3 Social Studies; 3 Foreign Language; 1 Physical Education; .5 Computer; 1 Fine Arts; 2 Electives

Curriculum / Instructional Programs:

We do not use a preset curriculum. Each department selects its curriculum with approval by the Academic Dean.

Assessments:

While St. Joseph's participates in multiple national assessment programs each year, our standardized tests that we use from year to year include the ITBS for grades 6-8, the OLSAT for high school freshmen, and the PSAT for sophomores and juniors.

Assessment Results:

ITBS Composite Scores for 2013-14 (all students): 6th grade 86; 7th grade 84; 8th grade 84: OLSAT scores for 2013-14 National Percentile Rank of 86, School Ability Index of 118; Grades 10 and 11 PSAT scores Critical Reading 54; Math 53; Writing 52



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

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