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Dear Catholic school families, educators, leaders and supporters,

The Office of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids is pleased to present new curriculum standards outlining the academic expectations throughout our alliance of Catholic schools. By our definition, curriculum standards express the skills and content students are expected to demonstrate within courses and across grade levels. These standards provide normative targets for student performance. When a student has successfully completed a course or grade level, he or she will have demonstrated competence in the knowledge, skills, or attitudes required of that course or grade level. We have created these new curriculum standards in order to express the Catholic identity within our curriculum and to articulate the profile of a graduate of our diocesan schools. Developing these curriculum standards has been a two-year process involving educators, administrators and clergy. Like all curriculum revisions, this process is never entirely finished, and an annual review will allow us to update these documents to reflect what is best for our schools.

The sources used to create our diocesan curriculum standards vary by content area, but each is rooted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Cardinal Newman Society's [Catholic Curriculum Standards](#). Additionally, the curriculum standards from various dioceses and national organizations of educators; curriculum guidelines from Michigan and other states; material from professional organizations, such as College Board, which produces the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) suite and the Advanced Placement (AP) assessments; and Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), which produces the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments, were used as references. Each of these sources is referenced in the acknowledgements following each content area document. Importantly, we also accounted for the cultures and communities of our local schools, as no standards should be adopted without consideration of the unique and specific desires of the Catholic families in the diocese.

Hundreds of diocesan teachers and administrators worked tirelessly to produce the content and wording of these curriculum standards over eighteen months, from summer 2016 through winter 2017. The curriculum standards were then reviewed by local experts in theology, including diocesan priests and Aquinas College professors. This combination of experts ensures that the curriculum is rooted in our Catholic faith, is interculturally appropriate for our diocese, and provides educational best practices to inspire excellence in Catholic education. The final review was completed by Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak, bishop of Grand Rapids and Mr. David Faber, superintendent of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

In sharing these documents with you, we invite you to explore how our alliance of Catholic schools strives to provide our students with an outstanding education that allows them to grow in faith and grace, achieve more in school and life, develop creativity and character, and feel welcome and cherished.

In Christ,



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**Diocese of Grand Rapids  
Office of Catholic Schools  
Report Card Indicators  
for **Spiritual and Social Development**  
and **Work Habits**  
in grades **K-8****

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### Kindergarten through Second Grade Spiritual and Social Development

A student who demonstrate grade level spiritual and social development --

K-2nd	Spiritual and Social Development
K-2.SD.1	Expresses gratitude for God's gifts.
K-2.SD.2	Shows God's love through acts of kindness and generosity.
K-2.SD.3	Demonstrates Christian virtues.
K-2.SD.4	Participates in prayer and demonstrates reverence during Mass.
K-2.SD.5	Uses courtesy and respect in speech and actions.
K-2.SD.6	Collaborates well with others.
K-2.SD.7	Contributes to conversations appropriately.
K-2.SD.8	Patiently waits for turn.
K-2.SD.9	Listens attentively when others are speaking.
K-2.SD.10	Shows desire and interest in learning.
K-2.SD.11	Demonstrates servant leadership.
K-2.SD.12	Uses words appropriately to express self.

### Third through Eighth Grade Spiritual and Social Development

A student who demonstrate grade level spiritual and social development --

3-8th	Spiritual and Social Development
3-8.SD.1	Expresses gratitude for God's gifts.
3-8.SD.2	Shows God's love through acts of kindness and generosity.
3-8.SD.3	Demonstrates Christian virtues.
3-8.SD.4	Participates in prayer and demonstrates reverence during Mass.
3-8.SD.5	Uses courtesy and respect in speech and actions.
3-8.SD.6	Collaborates well with others.
3-8.SD.7	Actively contributes to class discussions.
3-8.SD.8	Demonstrates self control and assumes responsibility for actions.
3-8.SD.9	Listens attentively when others are speaking.
3-8.SD.10	Shows desire and interest in learning.
3-8.SD.11	Demonstrates servant leadership.
3-8.SD.12	Treats others with dignity.

### Kindergarten through Second Grade Work Habits

A student who demonstrate grade level work habits --

K-2nd	Work Habits
K-2.WH.1	Applies God's gifts and talents to achieve personal best.
K-2.WH.2	Begins and pursues tasks independently.
K-2.WH.3	Follows written and oral directions.
K-2.WH.4	Organizes self and materials.
K-2.WH.5	Shows focus and attention to given tasks.
K-2.WH.6	Seeks help when needed.
K-2.WH.7	Follows routines and procedures.
K-2.WH.8	Chooses appropriate strategies to problem solve.
K-2.WH.9	Completes tasks neatly and carefully.
K-2.WH.10	Transitions smoothly between tasks.
K-2.WH.11	Takes risks and accepts mistakes.
K-2.WH.12	Comes prepared for the school day.
K-2.WH.13	Exhibits appropriate confidence.
K-2.WH.14	Demonstrates appropriate listening behavior.

### Third through Eighth Grade Work Habits

A student who demonstrate grade level work habits --

3-8th	Work Habits
3-8.WH.1	Applies God's gifts and talents to achieve personal best.
3-8.WH.2	Begins and pursues tasks independently.
3-8.WH.3	Follows written and oral directions.
3-8.WH.4	Demonstrates organizational skills.
3-8.WH.5	Shows focus and attention to given tasks.
3-8.WH.6	Seeks help when needed.
3-8.WH.7	Follows routines and procedures.
3-8.WH.8	Chooses appropriate strategies to problem solve.
3-8.WH.9	Produces legible and neat work.
3-8.WH.10	Transitions smoothly between tasks.
3-8.WH.11	Takes risks and accepts mistakes.
3-8.WH.12	Comes prepared for the school day.
3-8.WH.13	Exhibits appropriate confidence.
3-8.WH.14	Uses time management skills to complete tasks.
3-8.WH.15	Produces work that reflects ability.