

## Fast Facts about Catholic Schools as an Integral Part of Florida's Education Landscape

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### General Data for Catholic Schools during the 2017-2018 School Year

Number of Catholic Schools in Florida:	241
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Number of Students Served:	86,691 (Pre-K to 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
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### Participation in State Scholarship Programs (as Percentage of Total Enrollment)

Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Students in Catholic Schools:	18,690	22 Percent
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McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Special Needs:	3,562	4 Percent
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Gardiner Scholarship Program for Students with Special Needs:	462	0.5 Percent
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Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Students:	3,677	4 Percent
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### Accountability Factors in Catholic Schools

*High School Graduation Rate:	99 Percent
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*College/ University Attendance Rate:	86 Percent
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Accreditation (Pre-K to 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade) by the Florida Catholic Conference Accreditation Program and the National Council for Private School Accreditation:	See <a href="http://www.eas-ed.org">http://www.eas-ed.org</a> ; and, <a href="http://www.ncpsa.org">http://www.ncpsa.org</a>
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Accreditation (9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade) by AdvancED (also Known as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools):	See <a href="http://www.advanc-ed.org/">http://www.advanc-ed.org/</a>
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Teacher and Administrator Certification of More than 7,600 Professionals Employed in Catholic Schools:	See Website to Look up Certification Status of Teachers or Administrators at <a href="https://flcertify.fl DOE.org/datamart/searchByNameFLDOE.do">https://flcertify.fl DOE.org/datamart/searchByNameFLDOE.do</a>
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### +Comparison of Results on "The Nation's Report Card" (2015 National Assessment of Educational Progress)

Found Proficient in Reading:	63 Percent of Catholic School Seniors	37 Percent of Public School Seniors
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Found Proficient in Math:	48 Percent of Catholic School Seniors	25 Percent of Public School Seniors
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Found Proficient in Science:	37 Percent of Catholic School Seniors	21 Percent of Public School Seniors
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\*Source/ Link: [https://www.ncea.org/NCEA/Proclaim/News/Press\\_Releases/Millions\\_of\\_Catholic\\_School\\_Students\\_and\\_Teachers\\_Celebrate\\_National\\_Catholic\\_Schools\\_Week.aspx](https://www.ncea.org/NCEA/Proclaim/News/Press_Releases/Millions_of_Catholic_School_Students_and_Teachers_Celebrate_National_Catholic_Schools_Week.aspx)

+Source/ Links: NAEP 2015 Math, Reading & Science [https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/reading\\_math\\_g12\\_2015/](https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/reading_math_g12_2015/); [http://www.ncea.org/NCEA/Proclaim/News/Press\\_Releases/The\\_Nation's\\_Report\\_Card\\_Shows\\_Catholic\\_School\\_Seniors\\_Outperform\\_Public\\_School\\_Seniors.aspx](http://www.ncea.org/NCEA/Proclaim/News/Press_Releases/The_Nation's_Report_Card_Shows_Catholic_School_Seniors_Outperform_Public_School_Seniors.aspx); and, <http://www.capenet.org/pdf/Outlook419.pdf>