

**Fast Facts about Catholic Schools as an Integral Part  
of Florida's Education Landscape**  
January 24, 2019

**General Data for Catholic Schools during the 2018-2019 School Year**

Number of Catholic Schools in Florida:	242
Number of Students Served:	85,784 (Pre-K to 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Participation in State Scholarship Programs (as Percentage of Total Enrollment)**

Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Students in Catholic Schools:	18,428	21 Percent
McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Special Needs:	3,517	4 Percent
Gardiner Scholarship Program for Students with Special Needs:	629	0.7 Percent
Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Students:	3,493	4 Percent

**Accountability Factors in Catholic Schools**

*High School Graduation Rate:	99 Percent
*College/ University Attendance Rate:	86 Percent
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>
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>
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.fldoe.org/datamart/selectSearchType.do">https://flcertify.fldoe.org/datamart/selectSearchType.do</a>

**+Comparison of Results on "The Nation's Report Card"  
(2017 National Assessment of Educational Progress)**

<b>System of Schools Examined:</b>	<b>Catholic</b>	<b>Public</b>
Found Proficient in Reading, Grade 4:	37 Percent	27 Percent
Found Proficient in Math, Grade 4:	39 Percent	32 Percent
Found Proficient in Reading, Grade 8	48 Percent	31 Percent
Found Proficient in Math, Grade 8	33 Percent	24 Percent

\*Source/ Link: National Catholic Educational Association News Release  
[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)

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