

MISSION

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux provides assistance, support, and guidance for administrators, faculties, school advisory councils, and parents in order to promote and enhance the educational ministry of the Catholic Church.

VISION

The students in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Catholic schools are developed intellectually and formed morally in the teachings of the Catholic Church and are committed to living and spreading the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to the world.



BELIEF STATEMENTS

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We believe Catholic schools are an educational ministry of the church.
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We believe Catholic schools are faith-centered communities which promote Gospel values leading students, administrators, faculties, and staff in spiritual growth through service.
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We believe Catholicity is evidenced through communal worship and prayer, fostering a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
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We believe dedicated administrators, faculties, and staff serve as role models for the students.
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We believe discipline and respect are grounded in the truth that all people are made in the image and likeness of God.
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We believe in developing well-rounded students who are critical thinkers prepared for the future through an academically challenging curriculum, interwoven with opportunities to grow spiritually, socially, and physically.
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We believe establishing high expectations encourages students to reach their potential and become lifelong learners.
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We believe in creating a safe and respectful school environment by instilling in students self-discipline and prudent decision-making.
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We believe in the continuous spiritual and professional growth of administrators, faculties, and staff.
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We believe in treating all members of the Catholic school community, and indeed all people, with dignity, respect, compassion, care, and understanding.
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We believe in embracing, encouraging, and welcoming diversity.



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ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025



10 GREAT THINGS ABOUT CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN THE DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAUX

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We pray together and celebrate the love of God.
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We build the character of students by teaching and modeling Gospel values.
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We prepare the whole person - mind, body, and soul.
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We are passionate about rigorous intellectual and academic preparation.
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We provide personal attention to students and families.
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We create a high expectations environment, immersing students with positivity and reminders of their potential.
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We focus on building self esteem by developing students' gifts and talents.
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We construct a safe and structured environment under the direction of safe environment guidelines and principles of ethics and integrity in ministry.
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We are vigorous in our quest to improve, striving for excellence in all things.
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We incorporate home, school, and family working together to educate our children.



4,886 TOTAL ENROLLMENT

3,177 ELEMENTARY STUDENTS **1,709** HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

495 ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF **10:1** TEACHER-STUDENT RATIO



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The schools of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux are steeped in the centuries-old Catholic traditions of academic excellence. Our schools are proud to be accredited by both **Cognia and Lumen Accreditation** agencies, two respected organizations that evaluate educational institutions on their quality, integrity, and commitment to continuous improvement.

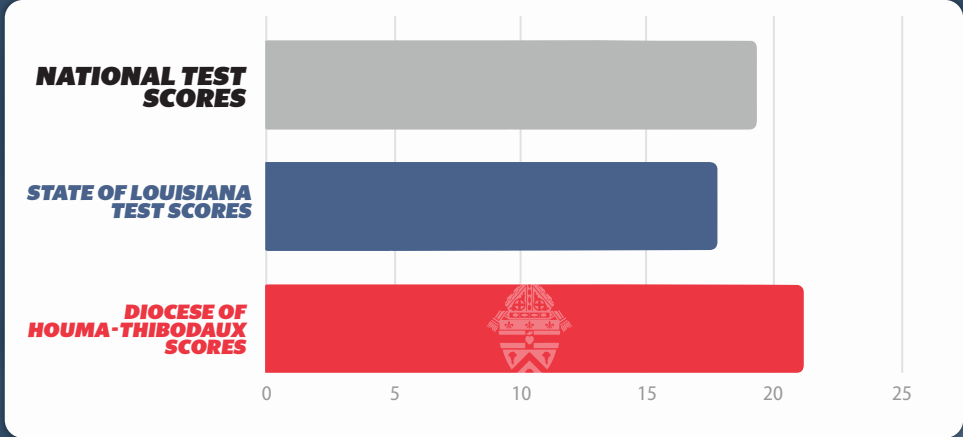
- Cognia, formerly AdvancED, is a globally recognized accrediting body that assesses schools based on rigorous academic standards, student performance, leadership capacity, and overall institutional effectiveness. Accreditation through Cognia signifies that our schools meet or **exceed national benchmarks for educational excellence** and are committed to ongoing growth and innovation.
- Lumen Accreditation provides a **faith-based framework for school improvement** and accountability, focusing on the integration of Catholic identity, mission-driven leadership, and the development of the whole person- spiritually, intellectually, and morally. Lumen evaluates how well schools form students in faith, provide a values-based education, and foster vibrant Catholic communities.

Being accredited by both agencies means our schools are **held to the highest standards both academically and spiritually**. It affirms that we are not only preparing students for success in college and life but also nurturing them to be faithful, compassionate, and service-minded disciples of Christ.

Using TerraNova, ACT, and the Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK), we measure what we treasure. Below you will find our student performance.



ACT SCORES COMPARED TO STATE AND NATIONAL



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCORES**

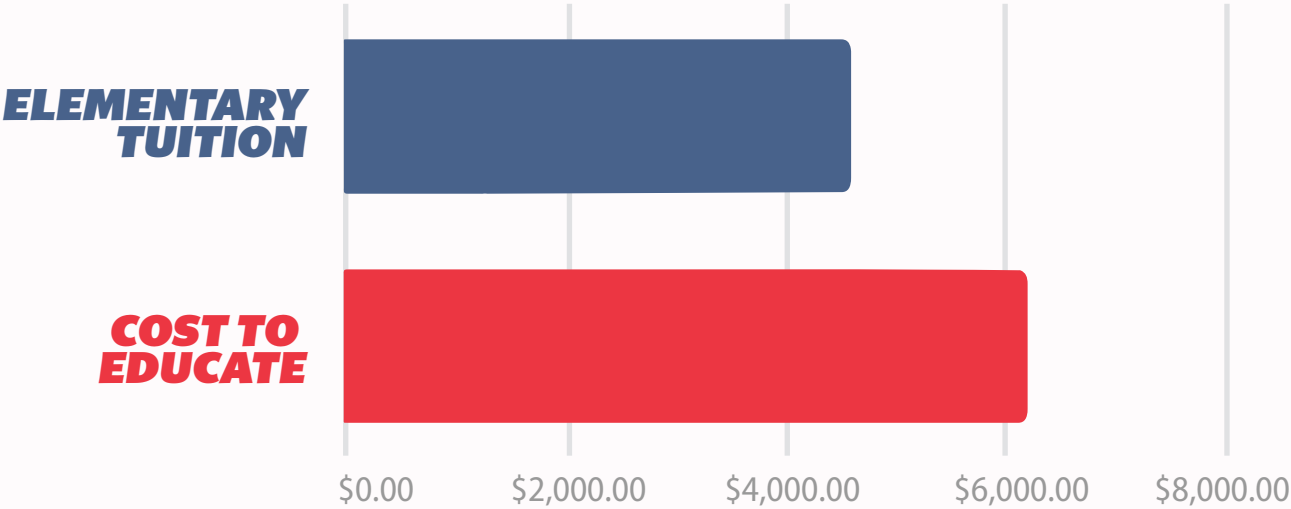
OPERATIONAL VITALITY

INVESTING IN EXCELLENCE

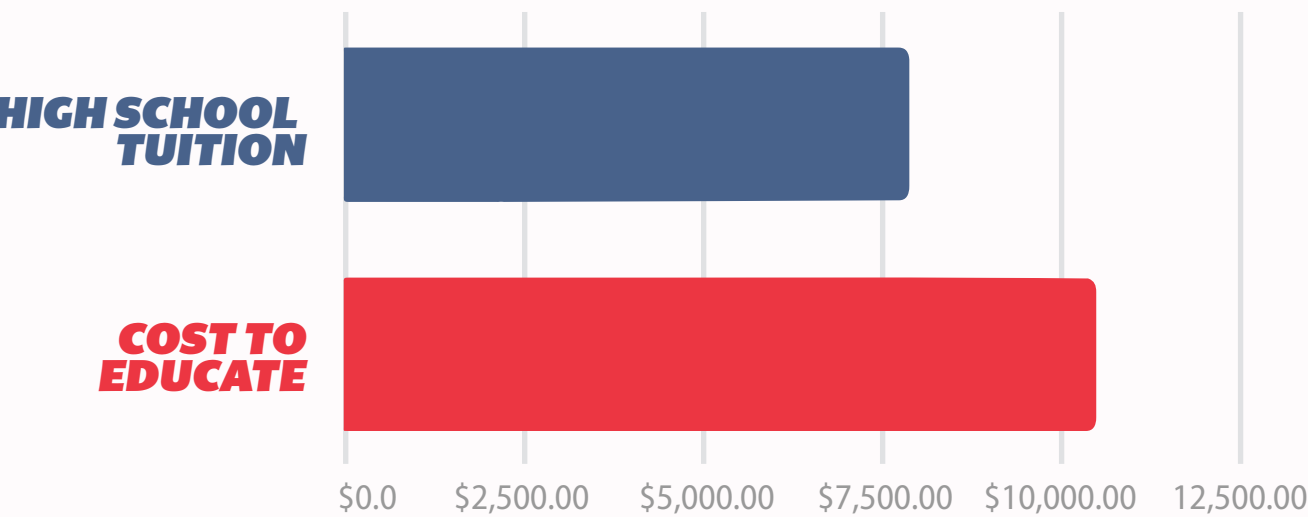
Our commitment to providing a high-quality, faith-filled education remains at the forefront of our mission within the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. A key aspect of our operational vitality lies in the careful stewardship of resources, ensuring that every dollar contributes to the enriching educational experience of our students.

These figures underscore the substantial gap between tuition and the true cost of delivering the comprehensive academic, spiritual, and extracurricular programs that define our schools. This difference is thoughtfully subsidized through the unwavering support of our parishes, the generous donors and benefactors of our schools, and various fundraising initiatives, such as the annual bishop's appeal through our partnership with the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana. This collective effort ensures that we can continue to offer an exceptional educational environment while striving to keep Catholic education accessible to families throughout our diocese. Your continued partnership is vital in bridging this gap and sustaining the vibrant future of our schools.

ELEMENTARY COST TO EDUCATE VS ACTUAL TUITION



HIGH SCHOOL COST TO EDUCATE VS ACTUAL TUITION



“In our Catholic Schools, we are committed to recognizing the unique God-given gifts of every student and nurturing those gifts to their fullest potential. Rooted in a community, steeped in Catholic identity and virtue, our schools form not only scholars, but disciples prepared to live lives of faith, hope, and leadership.”

-DR. MARK WILLIAMS
SUPERINTENDENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

“The purpose of Catholic education is to bring students into a real, personal encounter with Jesus Christ. When we know Him as a real person, it brings a new life to all of the other things that we learn, and we have the opportunity to live them out in the decisions we make every day.”

-MOST REVEREND SIMON PETER ENGURAIT
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAU

