



ST. FRANCIS
of ASSISI
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SCHOOL



2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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Our Vision

Our vision for St. Francis is that it be a faith-filled, professional, positive, respectful, collaborative, rigorous, 21st Century school for ALL students, teachers and community members.

Our Goal

St. Francis is a place where we LIVE the CATHOLIC faith.

You will leave knowing you were on HOLY GROUND and are valued as a CHILD OF GOD! Amen.

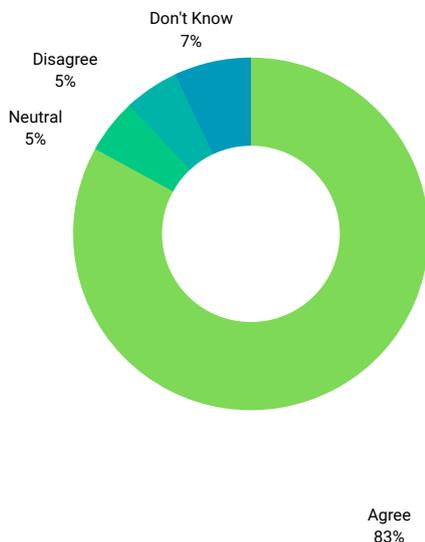
COMMUNITY SURVEY

SURVEY

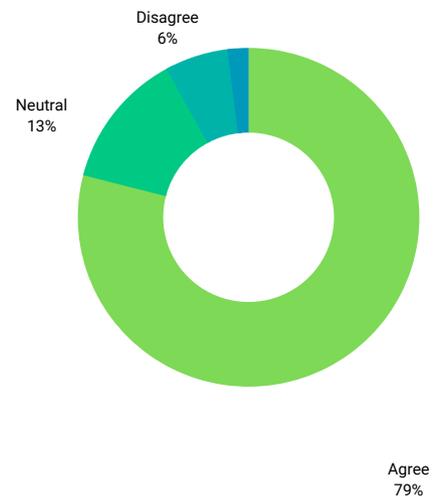
In the fall of 2018, the Catholic Identity Program Effectiveness Parent and Community Survey was shared with our SFA community electronically. 236 parents responded to the survey. As we utilize the survey data to improve, here is a sample of the survey data collected.

QUESTIONS

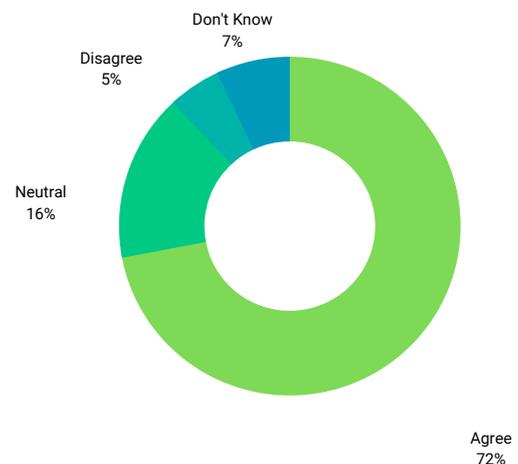
There is a person or group (such as a pastor or a board) who collaborates with the school administration to make or recommend decisions for the success of the school.



In all subjects, teachers help students think critically and ethically about the world around them, using the lens of Gospel values and Catholic doctrine and beliefs.



Our school provides opportunities outside the classroom for students to participate in service activities for social justice.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Educational Cost Per Student - \$5,926

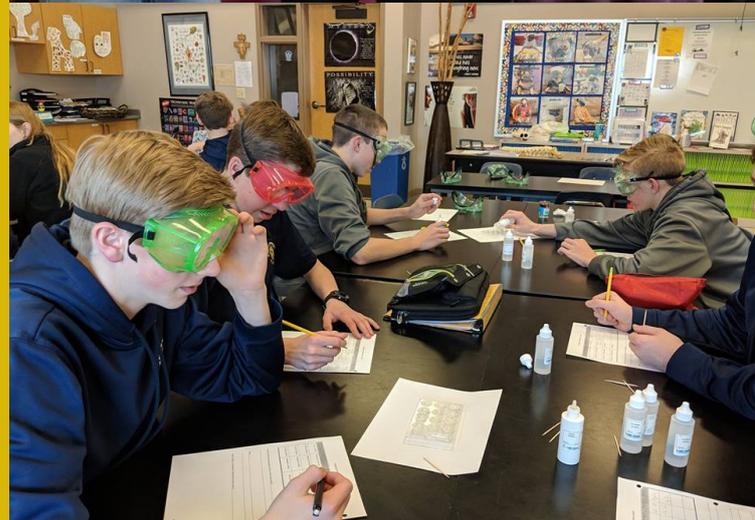
Our cost to educate students entails a number of factors such as high-quality teacher salaries, technology updates, and curriculum.

Tuition & Fees - \$3,927 Parish Subsidy - 38%

Due to the financial support of the parish, our families are able to access quality Christ-centered education for their students.

Student Enrollment - 638

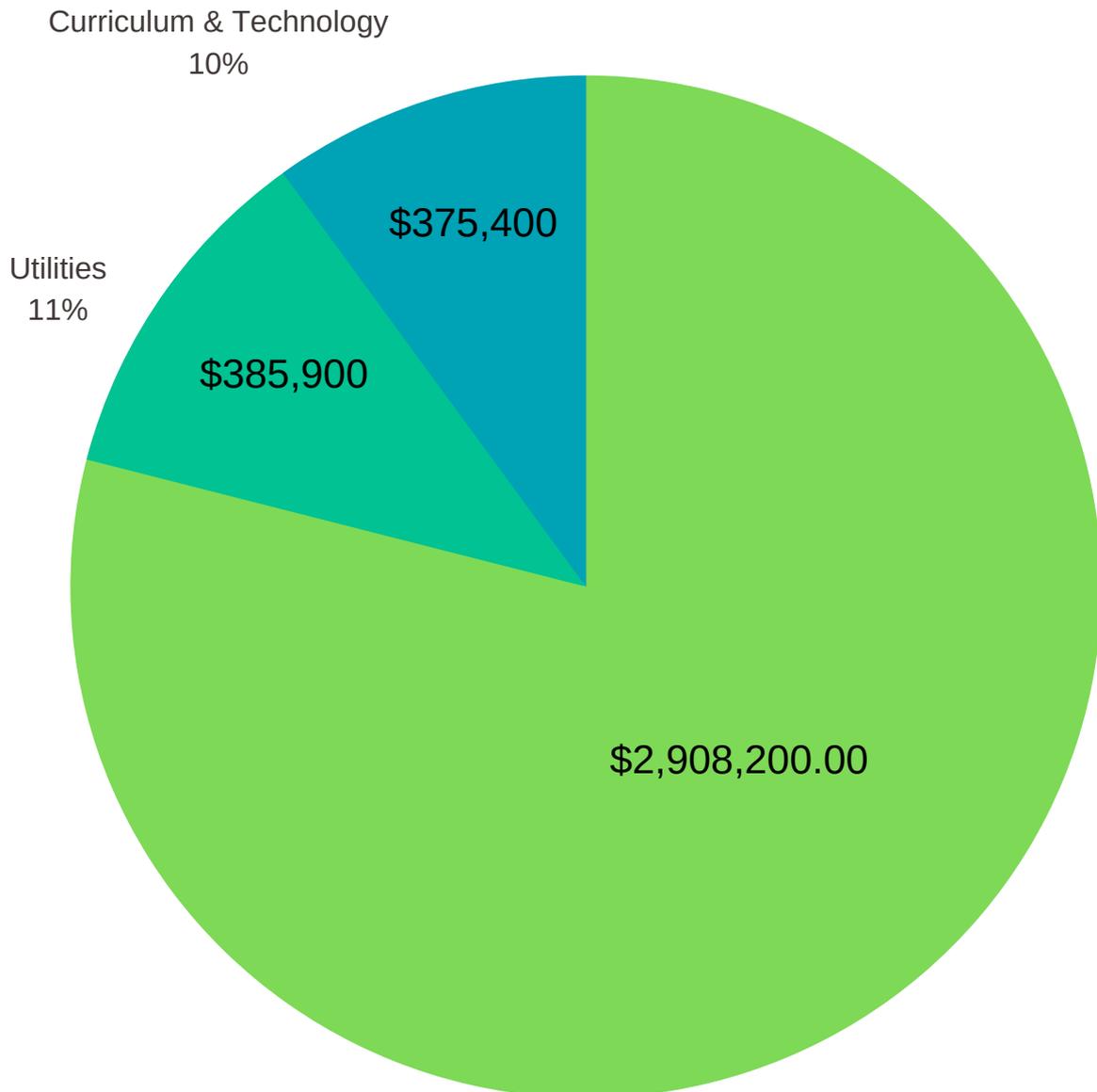
Student enrollment is increasing. In 2017-18 our student enrollment was 630.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Employing and retaining teachers who are highly trained and credentialed is paramount at St. Francis to ensure students receive the best education. To do this we have allocated over 75% of our expenses towards staff salaries and benefits.

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL BUDGET BREAKDOWN- EXPENSES



Staff Salary/Benefit
79%

BUILDING AND TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

New Secure Entryway and 5-Year Technology Plan

In February, our SFA parents raised funds at the annual Bid 4 the Kids Auction for a new Secure Entryway as the Fund-a-Wish. It was installed in short order over spring break. We have also installed a visitor management system called Raptor thanks to the fundraising efforts of our Home and School committee. These security updates show the commitment of the entire community to keep our students safe.

Our Technology Committee has worked hard to create a 5-year plan. The goal of the Technology Committee is to become more financially transparent with all stakeholders while replacing and upgrading existing technologies. Over the next five years the Technology Committee will focus on replacing and upgrading the infrastructure as well as devices for students and staff.

The Technology Committee applied for and received \$7,500 from the Prairie Meadows Betterment Grant for next school year. The school will use this funding to replace the computers in Lab B with chromebook carts.

The St. Francis of Assisi Education Foundation has approved funding for a new intercom and bell system upgrade for the entire campus. This system is vital for day-to-day operations as well as communications in crisis situations.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Our students participated in:

- Chess Club
- Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee
- Drama Club
- School Newspaper
- Student Ambassadors
- National Geography Bee
- Junior Achievement
- Athletic team participation
- All-City Band festival
- BizTown
- Middle School Show Choir
- Battle of the Books
- Code 411



Additional activities & performances:

- The Lion King Musical
- 1st and 2nd grade Christmas program
- 3rd and 4th grade Choro
- 5th grade Advent music performance
- 6th, 7th and 8th grade musical performances
- 5th and 6-8th grade band performances

FAITH



OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A CHRIST-CENTERED ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES DEVELOPING OUR STUDENTS ACADEMICALLY, PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.

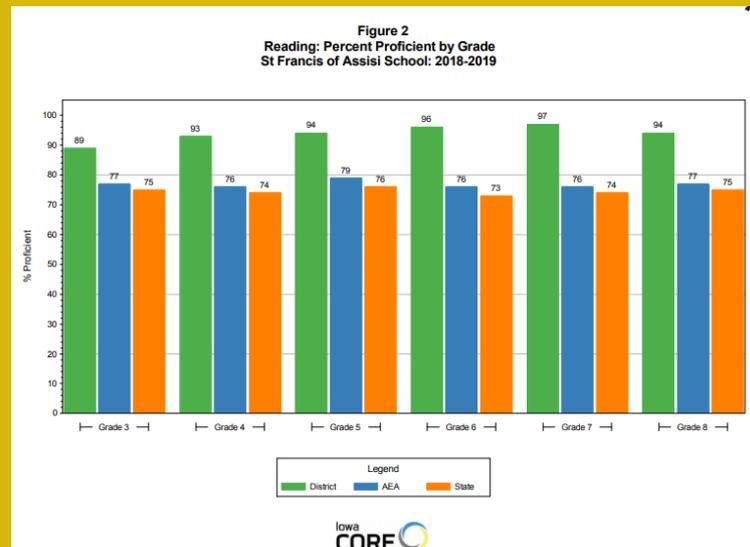
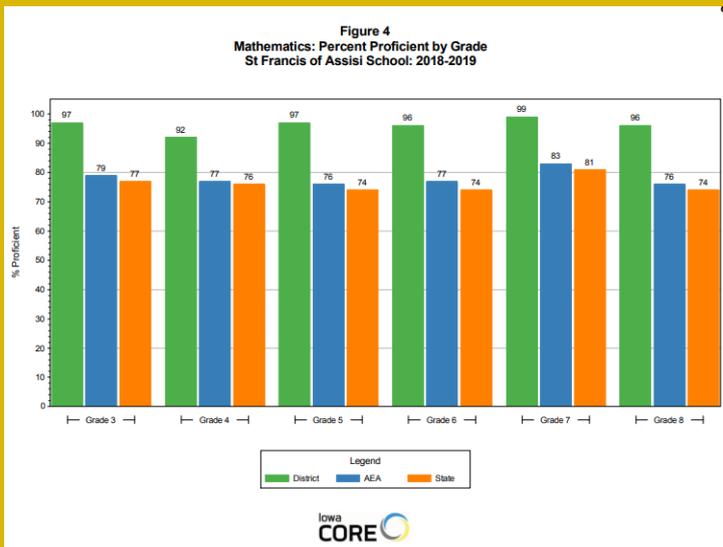
Faith Highlights:

- Daily morning, lunch, & afternoon all school prayer
- Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
- Advent & Lent Weekly Prayer Services
- Parish-wide beginning of the year prayer service
- Catholic Schools Week
- First Reconciliation & First Communion
- May Crowning
- All Saints Day Celebrations
- Stations of the Cross through living prayer (presented by 6th grade)
- Liturgies by homerooms

KNOWLEDGE

Iowa Assessments - Fall 2018

The charts below show how SFA students (green) compare to their peers across the region (blue) and the state (orange).



DUAL ENROLLMENT

St. Francis students who are identified through our enrichment program as needing advancement in Math, English, and/or Science have the opportunity to dual-enroll in classes at Dowling Catholic High School.

WIN TIME

What I Need (WIN) time is a dedicated block four days a week for students Kindergarten-5th grade. Teachers use a data-driven process to give students support or enrichment during WIN time. This past year our focus was on reading fluency.



SERVICE



“DON’T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON US BECAUSE WE ARE YOUNG, BUT LET US SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN LIFE, IN LOVE, IN FAITH, IN SERVICE, AND IN PURITY.” – ADAPTED FROM 1 TIMOTHY 4:12

Here at SFA we engage with the community throughout the year through our mission days and service projects throughout the year.

Our teachers spent half a day investing in the community by making rosaries, blankets, and casseroles to give to Mercy Hospice, Mercy Hospital, and The Salvation Army.

SFA Middle School students chose various service projects throughout the year. This year our 6-8 grade students totaled 3065 hours of service.

THE 8TH GRADE EXPERIENCE

Leadership Opportunities

At SFA, our 8th graders have many opportunities that prepare them to lead. Student Ambassadors and the student newspaper are great examples. Students also present projects, collaborate in groups, and become classroom leaders.



Kindergarten Buddies

8th Grade students help a kindergarten buddy learn the importance of weekly Mass. This is an opportunity to be a mentor and make a lasting connection.



Clap-out and Graduation

At the end of the year, our 8th graders walk out with their heads high to applause and high fives from the entire school. Graduation is the culminating event that our students and families will always remember.





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