

National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective

Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools

Rubrics for Benchmarks

Standard 1: An excellent Catholic school is guided and driven by a clearly communicated mission that embraces a Catholic Identity rooted in Gospel values, centered on the Eucharist, and committed to faith formation, academic excellence and service.

Benchmark: 1.5

All constituents know and understand the mission.

Level 4 Exceeds Benchmark	Virtually everyone in the school community can recite the mission statement, clearly explain the mission of the school, and give concrete examples of how it is implemented in the school.
Level 3 Fully Meets Benchmark	All constituents know and understand the mission. School leaders work to ensure that every group of constituents can articulate and explain the mission.
Level 2 Partially Meets Benchmark	Only some constituents know and understand the mission.
Level 1 Does Not Meet Benchmark	Most constituents do not know or understand the mission.
Possible Sources of Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The mission statement is recited by the school community at every appropriate gathering (assemblies, awards announcements)• Students, parents, teachers and alumni are able to articulate to prospective parents and community members the mission of the school• Orientation programs for incoming students and families demonstrate proper emphasis on the importance of the school's mission• Open house programs display the mission statement• Other program agendas for parents or alumni display the mission statement