

National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective

Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools

Rubrics for Benchmarks

Standard 2: An excellent Catholic school adhering to mission provides a rigorous academic program for religious studies and catechesis in the Catholic faith, set within a total academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture, and life.

Benchmark: 2.4

The school's Catholic identity requires excellence in academic and intellectual formation in all subjects including religious education.

Level 4 Exceeds Benchmark	In keeping with its Catholic identity, the school sets clearly articulated standards for and can demonstrate academic and intellectual excellence in all subjects, including religious education. Curriculum in all subjects including religious education gives evidence of the integration of faith, culture and life.
Level 3 Fully Meets Benchmark	The school's Catholic identity requires excellence in academic and intellectual formation in all subjects including religious education. In keeping with its Catholic identity, the school sets clearly articulated standards for and expectations of academic and intellectual excellence in all subjects, including religious education.
Level 2 Partially Meets Benchmark	In keeping with its Catholic identity, the school pays attention to and requires academic and intellectual excellence in the curriculum including religious education.
Level 1 Does Not Meet Benchmark	Excellence in academic and intellectual formation is not evident in all subjects, including religion.
Possible Sources of Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mission statement• Curriculum guides that include standards in all subjects• Catholic identity goals, objectives in all subjects• Grading scales and rubrics in all subjects• Departmental and or subjects standards and outcomes