

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: 1.1

The governing body and the leader/leadership team ensure that the mission statement includes the commitment to Catholic identity.

Level 4 Exceeds Benchmark	The mission statement explicitly and unequivocally proclaims that the school's pervasive commitment is to fostering Catholic identity.
Level 3 Fully Meets Benchmark	The governing body and the leader/leadership team ensure that the mission statement includes the commitment to Catholic identity.
Level 2 Partially Meets Benchmark	The mission statement uses generically Christian language to allude to the school's commitment to Catholic identity.
Level 1 Does Not Meet Benchmark	The mission statement does not communicate commitment to Catholic identity.
Possible Sources of Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The mission statement contains language that unmistakably identifies the school as Catholic• Source documents for mission development demonstrate commitment to Catholic identity• Brochures, PR materials, websites reflect the mission of the Catholic identity of the school• Teacher and principal orientation materials contain explicit articulation of the commitment to Catholic identity