

*National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective*

*Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools*

**Rubrics for Benchmarks**

**Standard 9: An excellent Catholic school provides programs and services aligned with the mission to enrich the academic program and support the development of student and family life.**

**Benchmark: 9.1**

School-wide programs for parents/guardians provide opportunities for parents/guardians to partner with school leaders, faculty, and other parents to enhance the educational experiences for the school community.

Level 4 Exceeds Benchmark	A majority of parents/guardians participate in opportunities to partner with school leaders, faculty and other parent/guardians to enhance educational experiences for the school community. Parents are involved in mission-driven, service-oriented experiences enhancing the broader community or distinguished in some way.
Level 3 Fully Meets Benchmark	School-wide programs for parents/guardians provide opportunities for parents/guardians to partner with school leaders, faculty, and other parents/guardians to enhance the educational experiences for the school community. Parents/guardians are invited to participate in a variety of partnership experiences that extend beyond the regularly scheduled mandatory parent/teacher conference.
Level 2 Partially Meets Benchmark	Occasional programs for parents/guardians above and beyond scheduled mandatory parent/teacher conferences provide opportunities for parents/guardians to meet with school leaders, faculty, or other parents/guardians to enhance the school community.
Level 1 Does Not Meet Benchmark	Programs beyond the scheduled mandatory parent/teacher conference are not provided for parents/guardians to be involved in the educational experiences of their children. Minimal, if any, partnerships exist between parents/guardians, school leaders, faculty, or with other parents/guardians.
Possible Sources of Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Percent of parent/guardian participation</li><li>• Descriptions of parent/guardian programs</li><li>• Outcomes for opportunities for parents/guardians</li><li>• Goals for parent/guardian programming</li><li>• Evidence of extraordinary programs for parents/guardians and families -- award winning, recognition in media (newspapers, online media, television news, philanthropic or community partner</li></ul>

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