

The Five Fundamental Principles of Holy Family School

1.

Academic Success and Spiritual Development is the means to a full life.

Academic learning and Spiritual growth develops a person's capacities to enjoy life, to live cooperatively with others, to contribute to the economic well being of oneself and society and to be an active citizen. Anything less than striving for excellence deprives both students and society. The fundamental means to excellence are teachers who offer expert instruction with high expectations for performance and who are moral Christian examples.

2.

Each student can develop to their fullest potential.

Each person is different, but each is gifted by God with talents and abilities. While each ought to excel in an area of special talent, each should also develop a whole range of human talents to the maximum extent possible. Catholic Schools have the responsibility of assisting parents and the students to identify areas of special talent and, at the same time, guiding so that no area of learning is neglected.

3.

Each individual is unique and deserves respect.

Each person is given by God the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These rights accord each with dignity that is to be respected by all. This dignity implies that in society there are rules that limit certain behaviors so that all might exercise their God given rights. These rights are the laws enacted by the Church, government, codes of conduct set by institutions. Good schools set high standards for student behavior.

4.

A safe, nurturing community is essential to academic excellence.

Rules of conduct that protect each person's dignity are not enough to create community. A community grows from common ideals and shared experience's. A community is composed of persons who genuinely care for each other and seek good for each other. In a community, everyone belongs and feels valued by others. In community, each feels secure and is supported in efforts to grow in every way.

5.

Service to others and the community is a responsibility of an educated person.

An Education completes a person by developing his/her talents and abilities. However, an educated person is not satisfied with only personal development. Talents and abilities perfected through an education need to be used to make society a better world for all. In our Catholic tradition, community service is a benefit for the civic minded or economic life of society as well as for the family, our school and world community.

