## **DIOCESE OF DES MOINES**

## **Catholic Schools Policies/Regulations**

## **EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY**

## **Diocesan Schools' Mission and Belief Statement**

The Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools Office, under the aegis of the Bishop, endorses the Mission and Belief statements and expects all schools to adhere to the following:

The mission of the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Des Moines is to develop and inspire learning for life by providing a world-class education within a Catholic environment for our students.

We believe...

- Catholic schools exist to enable students to learn the traditions and doctrines of the Catholic Church and to carry out the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives.
- Each student in Catholic schools experiences the value of human dignity and the concepts of peace and justice to enable them to be participants in a global society.
- Catholic schools and parishes are partners with parents in the education of their children.
- Catholic school educators apply research-based curriculum and instructional strategies that enhance the learning of all students.

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