

MISSION

Providence Catholic School, a college preparatory institution for young women, provides a program of academic excellence grounded in faith and trust in a Provident God for girls in grades six through eight. Providence (a division of Providence Catholic School sponsored by the Congregation of Divine Providence) prepares girls and young women of diverse backgrounds for the world of tomorrow, encouraging them to develop intellectual curiosity, deepen their faith, practice integrity and seek justice.

BACKGROUND

Enrollment at Providence Middle School has increased in the last four years, and we are now nearing our capacity for each grade. Currently, 50% of incoming 6th grade students are from public or charter schools.

ADMINISTRATION

Alicia Garcia, Principal
Joe Gonzalez, Assistant Principal
Charlene Ibrom, Academic Assistant Principal
Nora Walsh, Enrollment Director
Sr. Theresa Gossen, CDP, Dean of Middle School

FACULTY & STAFF

With 34 faculty members, Providence provides, on average, an 11:1 student teacher ratio. 60% of our educators have a Master's Degree or higher. Five Sisters from the Congregation of Divine Providence are included among the faculty and staff.

PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Providence Middle School students continue on to the Providence High School are given first preference for financial aid. Scholarships are conferred to students for outstanding achievement on the High School Placement Test. The Fr. John Martin Moye Academic Scholarship is given to the student who graduates at the top of her 8th grade class and plans to attend Providence High School.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- Iowa Test of Basic Skills are at or above the national level and above the archdiocesan scores
- 1 out of 5 seventh grade students qualifies for the Duke Talent Identification Program each year based on their Iowa Test of Basic Skills
- Students participate in a school science competition with winners taking part in the Alamo Regional Science Fair
- Middle School students have received gold medals as well as other awards in the National Spanish Exam
- One-third of the seventh and eighth grade students are members of the National Junior Honor Society
- Student performance on the ITBS is above the national average scores.

ENRICHED CURRICULUM

Middle school students have a full academic curriculum in which the core subjects are enriched with foreign languages as well as visual and performing arts.

Class Offerings:

Religious Studies	Language Arts	Social studies
Science	Latin	French
Technology	Electives	Spanish
Fine Arts	Drama	Choir

Math (pre-algebra 7th grade and option to take H.S. algebra in 8th grade)

The literature component of language arts is vertically aligned with the high school literature courses. Students are offered a course in ancient civilizations combined with a pre-Latin course. Students graduating from the Providence Catholic School program can complete their Algebra-I credit as well as earn a year of high school foreign language and technology class credit.

GRADING SYSTEM

94-100 = Excellent
85-93 = Above Average
75-84 = Average
70-74 = Below Average
Below 70 = Failure to Master Material

TECHNOLOGY

There are 144 networked and Internet-capable computers on campus; this includes two technology labs, two English mini-labs, one library research lab, one mobile lab, and one video editing lab. Televisions in 32 classrooms allow viewing of live broadcasts of campus announcements by the Providence Student Broadcasting Network (PSBN). Teachers utilize interactive Smartboards to enhance the learning environment of the physical classroom, as well as interactive and informative online classrooms via the Internet.

ATHLETICS

Volleyball	Basketball	Softball
Cross Country	Track and Field	Soccer

(Athletics are available for 6th, 7th & 8th grade students)

Providence also hosts invitational volleyball and basketball tournaments during the school year for middle school students.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students are given the opportunity to join the National Junior Honor Society, student government and various organizations such as the Page Turners Literary Club, Eco-Justice Club and Yearbook. Students can take band instrument instruction after school in a middle school only program at Central Catholic and participate in the co-curricular drama performances.

