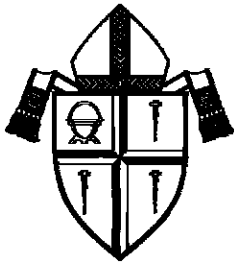


The advantages of Catholic schools

Catholic schools:

- Have proven time and time again to instill a sense of morals, ethics, and patience towards one another.
- Are run with a greater focus on the needs of the child as an individual.
- Have a teaching and administrative staff that tends to pay closer attention to the growth and development of the students.



The advantages of private schools

Private school students:

- Who complete at least the eighth grade in a private school are twice as likely as other students to graduate from college as a young adult.
- Are much more likely than others to take advanced-level high school courses
- Thrive when allowed to learn in a safe and supportive environment.
- Are significantly more likely than others to feel safe and be safe in their schools.
- Have more parents (over 75%) who are "very satisfied" with their child's private school compared with less than half of parents whose children attend public school.
- Who are identified as minority students in private schools are more than twice as likely to enter four-year colleges as their counterparts in public schools.
- Perform better than their public school counterparts on standardized achievement tests.
- Are racially, ethnically, and economically diverse. *Twenty-three percent of private school students are students of color; twenty-eight percent are from families with annual incomes under \$50,000.*
- Have a significantly higher participation rate in community service projects than their public school counterparts.

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