Reimagining Urban Catholic Education

Partnership Schools is an autonomous six-school network. We pioneered a proven turn-around model that has reinvigorated schools in Harlem and the South Bronx that were founded as far back as 1854. We are a 100-year-old start-up, redefining the way Catholic schools are run.

Our independent network of PreK–8th grade schools in New York City is shaping the next generation of urban Catholic education. Our mission is to develop outstanding schools that provide low-income students with the academic preparation, values, and skills needed to break the cycle of poverty and lead fulfilling, productive lives. We serve 2,037 students from two of the nation’s poorest congressional districts in Harlem and the South Bronx.

In 2013, we negotiated a groundbreaking agreement with the Archdiocese of New York, granting us full management of our schools. Our turn-around model has driven strong academic gains in once-struggling urban Catholic schools and built effective, efficient operational and financial systems, putting us on the path to sustainability.

Our hope is not just to run excellent schools in New York, but to spark nation-wide transformation in Catholic school management, providing a replicable way to increase parent choice in underserved communities across the country.

Our schools are guided by faith and values, grounded in rigorous content, supported by quality professional development, and animated by a clear vision.

Transformational Results Reveal Our Academic Gains

We are proving what’s possible when you weave together faith and values with an unapologetic focus on academic excellence. Four consecutive years of game-changing achievement increases on the New York State English Language Arts (ELA) and Math tests means our students are now achieving at levels competitive with some of New York’s top charter and public schools.

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ELA Results

- **2014**: 22%
- **2018**: 55%

Math Results

- **2014**: 17%
- **2018**: 49%
Striving for Excellence, Spending Wisely

We maximize every dollar to drive results and recognize economies of scale. We choose wisely and invest strategically in our leaders, teachers, and 2,037 students. In 2017–18, our per-pupil cost was just $9,950, one of the most affordable and cost-effective in New York City.

The Role of Philanthropy

We strive to make a quality education available to all students from the disadvantaged communities we serve. To ensure our schools are an affordable option for families, we offer scholarships to all incoming students in need of financial support. As an independent Catholic school network, we receive very modest support from the government and the Archdiocese. Every year, we must raise the gap between what our parents can afford and our cost to educate. In 2017–18, that was $6,450 per student.

“Students know they are loved and cared for the moment they walk in the door, and there is an underlying feeling of respect and support between teachers, students, and families. And because of this, I have found students who are self-motivated, want to learn, want to achieve, and want to live up to their full potential.”—Mrs. Singh, 5th grade teacher, Partnership Schools

Maximizing Every Dollar

We spend a fraction of New York public and charter schools:

- NYC Public Schools: $26,289
- NYC Charter Schools: $21,281
- Partnership Schools: $9,950

Get Involved

Visit a School
Support a Scholar
Volunteer
Join a School Advisory Board