

Gesu School Overview

Overview

Established as an independent school: 1993 Originally founded: 1873

President: Bryan H. Carter, 2011-present; 3rd president

Principal: Sister Ellen Convey, IHM

Location: North Philadelphia

Grades: Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade

School type: Independent Catholic, Jesuit; single-gender classes in grades 3-8, co-ed in all other grades

Served by: Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM)

Governance: Independent Board of Trustees

Accreditation: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and Maryland Province of Jesuits Sustaining Agreement

Admissions: Gesu School is an independent, Catholic school primarily serving the children of North Philadelphia. Our school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origins in the administration of its educational policies, its admission policies, or in any school administered programs. Priority in admissions will be given to children of alumni and siblings of current students. Priority in admissions will be given to moderate- and low-income families.

Students

Student enrollment: 450

Ethnic/racial make-up: 99% African American

Gesu School qualifies 100% for free/reduced breakfast and lunch programs.

Students receiving financial aid: 100%

Approximately 50% of students come from single-adult homes.

Academics

Full-time faculty: 29 Teachers and 6 Aides

Curriculum: Full-time specialized teachers conduct weekly lessons in art, music, Spanish, and physical education. Students have weekly sessions in the staffed, fully equipped science lab. A librarian and part-time volunteers conduct library sessions weekly for all grades. The curriculum incorporates the Common Core State Standards and Archdiocese of Philadelphia basic curriculum.

Advanced programs: Advanced writing (for eligible students in grades 1-8); Advanced math (for eligible students in grades 6-8)

Remedial programs: Resource room language arts (grades 1-4); Learning support (grades 5-7)

Above data based on 2017-18 registration/enrollment (self-reported).

Outcomes

Four-year high school graduation rate: Nearly 90% (data on Gesu classes of 2009-2013)

(Philadelphia School District's four-year high school graduation rate hovers around 69%.)

Post-secondary enrollment: 86% for those alumni who graduate high school in four years (July 2015 alumni data)

Updated July 2019