

Curriculum

Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School curriculum is anchored by our Mission statement and focuses on educating the whole child. We believe college preparation begins with the first day of preschool and continues through twelfth grade. We strive to instill strong academic and social skills in all students through the use of a challenging curriculum and dedicated staff.

In 2003, Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School established a schedule for ongoing curriculum review. Each year, a subject area enters the review process, to ensure it is kept current, relevant and age-appropriate.

Because so much is at stake, reviews are conducted with great care. The following steps comprise the process:

1. Comprehensive information-gathering includes:
 - Studying research in the subject area
 - Comparison with other schools/programs
 - Focus groups comprised of teachers, and if deemed appropriate, parents
 - Technical content analysis reviewed by staff
2. Selection is made by school administration after completion of these steps:
 - Review of compiled data
 - Review of proposed tests/materials
 - Review of teacher/parent recommendations
 - Evaluation of strengths and weakness of each program
 - Balancing scope/sequence with program
3. Order the selected program in the spring for implementation in the fall of the following school year.
4. Assess the program after the first year of implementation and make any necessary adjustments.

Curriculum Review Cycle

Curriculum Area	Publisher	Review <i>Fall</i>	Select <i>Spring</i>	Implement <i>Fall</i>	Assess <i>Spring</i>
Social Studies	Scott Foresman	2013	2014	2014	2015
Religion	Ignatius Press	2013	2014	2014	2014
Technology		2010	2011	2011	2012
Physical Education					
Art		2010	2011	2011	2012
Music		2010	2011	2011	2012
English	Loyola Press	2005	2006	2006	2007
Spelling	Scott Foreman	2005	2006	2006	2007
Reading	Houghton Mifflin	2006	2007	2007	2008
Phonics	Modern C. Press	2006	2007	2007	2008
Handwriting		2006	2007	2007	2008
Science	Scott Foresman	2008	2009	2009	2010
Math	Silver Burdett	2009	2010	2010	2011