

St. John Notre Dame School Annual Report

Mission & Philosophy

St. John Notre Dame Catholic School (SJND) is the primary educational ministry of St. John the Baptist Parish of the Diocese of Sacramento. SJND is a faith community committed to learning and serving with Christ. Children are provided a quality Catholic education through a culture of continuous improvement dedicated to academic excellence. SJND exists to serve children. We strive to inspire lifelong learning to help our students mature into healthy people of faith, thought, integrity, and action. We recognize the parents as the primary educators of their children. Our goal is to help our students develop to their fullest potential as they begin to take their place as responsible Catholic citizens in our society.



Faith Formation

SJND emphasizes a religious foundation for all students. Catholicism is an academic subject in its own right, and it is also integrated into all other academic disciplines and school activities. We are one of the few diocesan schools with our own Campus Minister who leads community outreach and service ministries. Our religion curriculum encourages students to participate in worship, act as part of a community, and realize that each person deserves love and respect. Students at SJND:

- Study scripture and learn Catholic doctrine.
- Prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Begin each morning with prayer and daily announcements.
- Pray and celebrate the Sacraments as a community of faith.
- Celebrate Friday school liturgies.

The staff uses teachable moments to facilitate intellectual growth and faith formation. A spirit of generosity is promoted that reaches out to all of those in need. Throughout the year, all students are expected to contribute their time and service to charitable causes. By performing God's corporal works of mercy, they gain a deeper understanding of the human community and a greater respect for every member of God's kingdom on Earth.



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Academics and Enrichment

SJND strives to teach every student the skills necessary to be productive at school, in the community, and in high school. Towards this goal, we provide students with a quality academic program that fosters critical thinking and competency in all academic areas. As educators, we believe that it is our responsibility to meet the individual needs of each student through a variety of learning experiences.

- SJND focuses on developing the whole child as a valued and unique member of God's family.
- SJND creates an environment where young children are not only introduced to the formal experience of learning but also to the experience of service.
- The school motto, "Learning and Serving with Christ," is the foundation of all aspects of the school and lived daily.
- Catholicity is at the heart of all that we do.

In a 1:1 technological environment, students receive grade appropriate instruction in religion, English language arts, reading, math, social studies, Spanish, science, physical education and art. These devices put innovative educational opportunities at the students' fingertips. SJND students are challenged to:

- Utilize reason.
- Be objective and express themselves clearly in both speech and writing.
- Embrace new concepts and ideas, listen to others and to use creativity as a tool for problem solving.

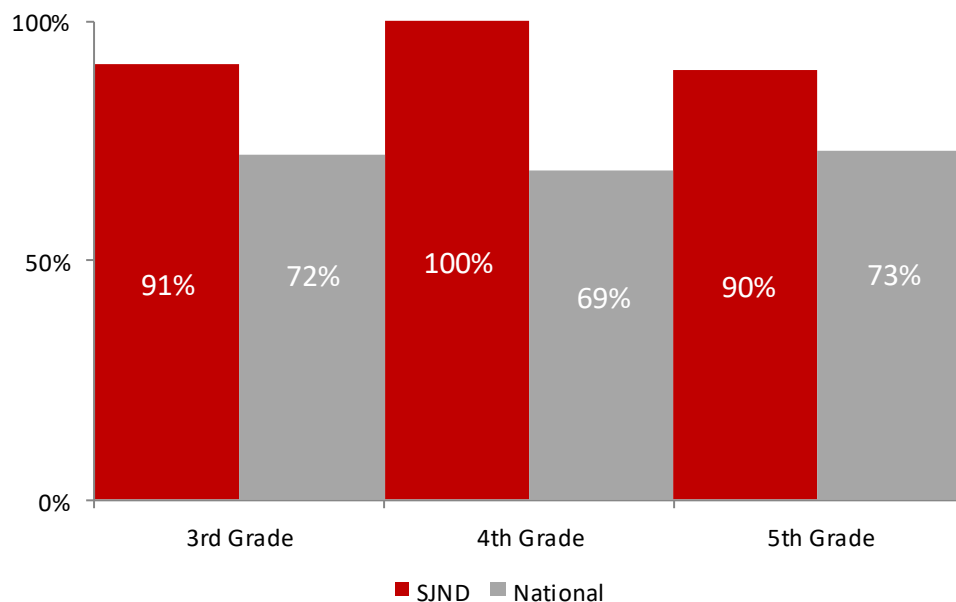
In addition to rigorous academics, extra curricular include Student Council, Robotics, Academic Decathlon, California Junior Scholarship Federation, and Parochial Athletic League. Because lifelong habits and personal identity are formed during these transformative years, we strive to help each student develop his/her skills and build the confidence and discipline to think independently and act responsibly. We work to target moral development through a reflective discipline policy that emphasizes accountability.



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Student Performance Review (1)

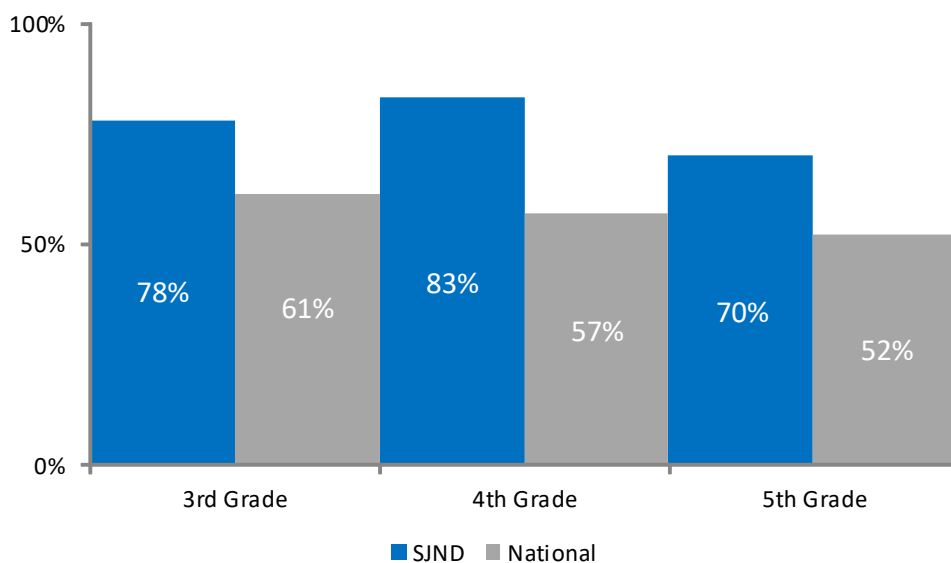
Average Proficiency Scores of Elementary School Students on ACT Aspire English, 2018



FIRM FOUNDATION

From the very start, SJND faculty help students develop a positive work ethic, productive study habits, and a love for learning: a foundation for successful scholarship.

Average Proficiency Scores of Elementary School Students on ACT Aspire Math, 2018



CULTURE OF CARE

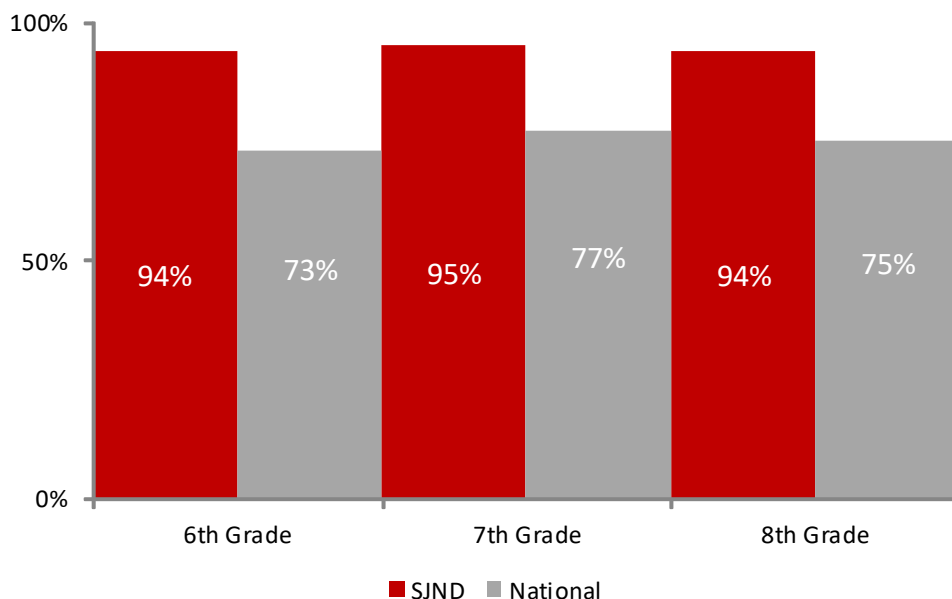
SJND teachers use their knowledge and expertise to communicate subject matter with a variety of images, engaging stories, and dynamic explanations to enhance understanding and comprehension, ensuring that no child gets left behind in the learning process.

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LIVING THE MISSION!

Through academics, worship, and service, SJND students make Christ known and loved in all that they do!

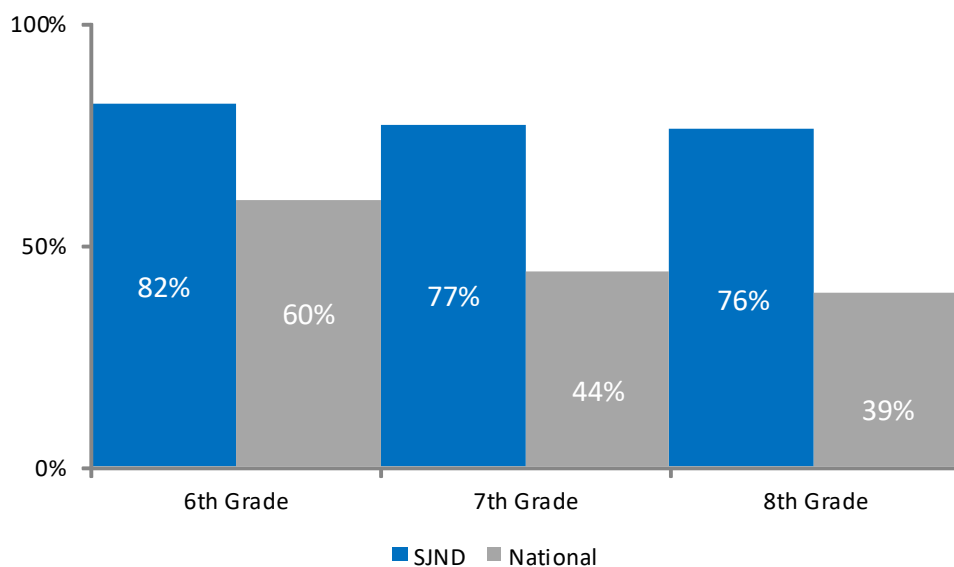
Average Proficiency Scores of Middle School Students on ACT Aspire English, 2018



REAL WORLD PREP

In fostering lifelong learning and opportunities to develop moral character, an education at SJND prepares children for success in high school, college, and career.

Average Proficiency Scores of Middle School Students on ACT Aspire Math, 2018



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2018 STAR Correlation to Folsom Schools' California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Data ²

The data below shows the percent of students meeting or exceeding the achievement standards and demonstrates progress toward mastery of the knowledge and skills in reading and math proficiency.

Reading Proficiency (% of Grade)

	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8
ST. JOHN NOTRE DAME	94%	97%	90%	84%	78%	84%
Empire Oaks	89%	77%	74%			
Folsom Hills	80%	78%	77%			
Sandra Gallardo	84%	83%	94%			
Theodore Judah	78%	83%	83%			
Natoma Station	75%	71%	85%			
Oak Chan	69%	72%	67%			
Russell Ranch	88%	88%	87%			
Blanche Sprentz	63%	55%	70%			
Carl Sundahl	82%	76%	63%			
Folsom Middle				73%	80%	80%
Sutter Middle				66%	73%	77%

Math Proficiency (% of Grade)

	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8
ST. JOHN NOTRE DAME	85%	92%	64%	66%	69%	73%
Empire Oaks	88%	78%	60%			
Folsom Hills	83%	80%	60%			
Sandra Gallardo	84%	83%	84%			
Theodore Judah	74%	69%	72%			
Natoma Station	76%	74%	69%			
Oak Chan	78%	64%	61%			
Russell Ranch	91%	88%	82%			
Blanche Sprentz	61%	50%	39%			
Carl Sundahl	87%	71%	57%			
Folsom Middle				68%	65%	70%
Sutter Middle				60%	56%	63%

(2) Based on Renaissance STAR data for St. John Notre Dame and CAASPP website (caaspp.cde.ca.gov) for Folsom Cordova schools.

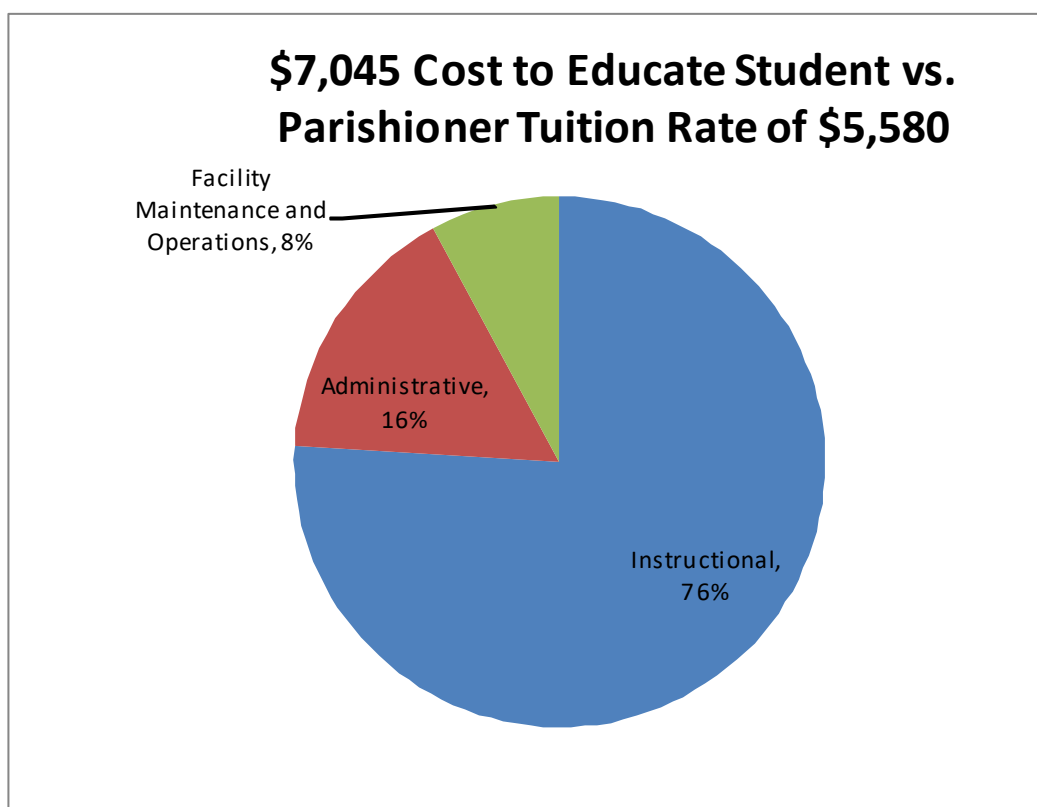
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Cost to Educate Per Student

	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Budget
TK - 8 Enrollment	319	339	320
Cost to Educate per Student	\$ 6,022	\$ 6,731	\$ 7,045
Tuition for First Child (Parishioner Rate)	\$ 5,050	\$ 5,310	\$ 5,580
Estimated Deficit per Student	\$ (972)	\$ (1,421)	\$ (1,465)

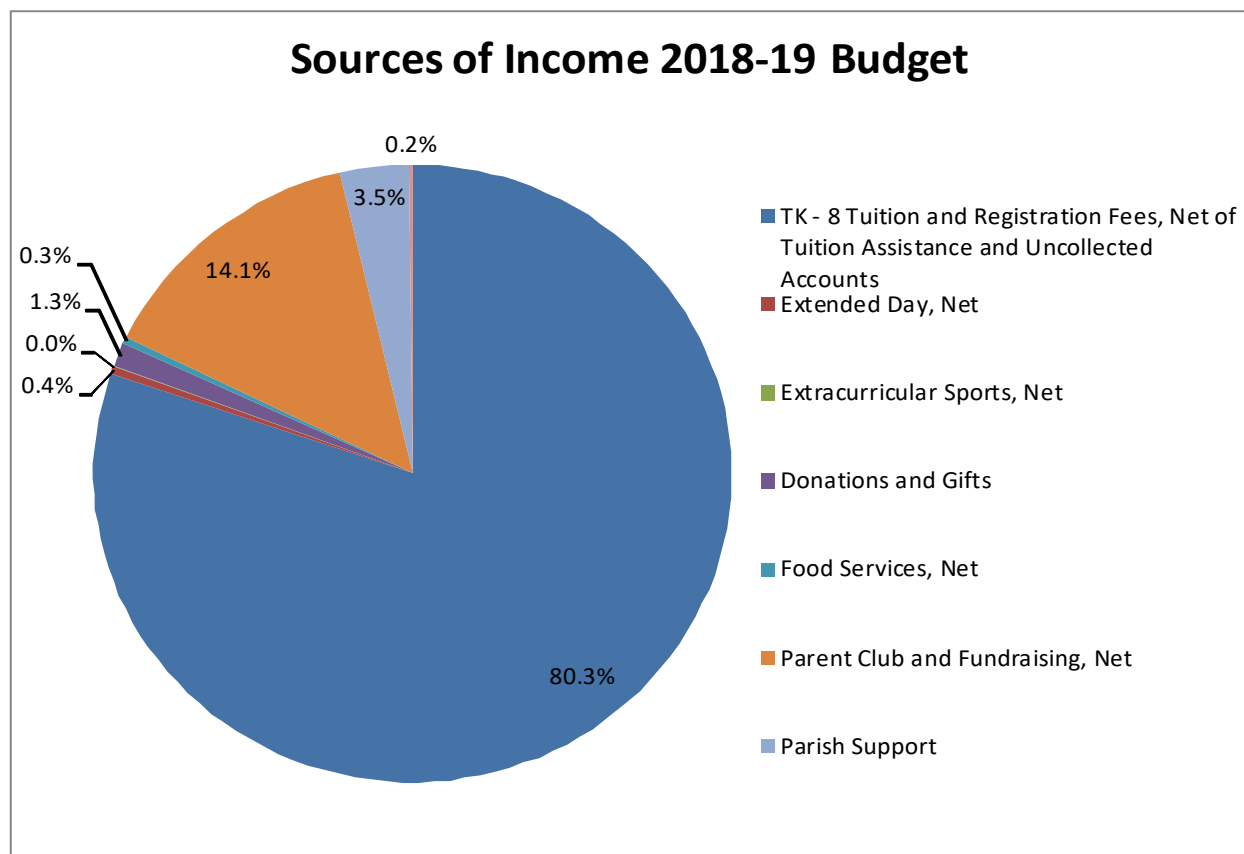
Note the significant difference between the **Cost to Educate per Student** and the **First Child Parishioner Tuition Rate**. The disparity between these figures is striking for the 2018-19 school year where the deficit is estimated to be \$1,465 per student.

When comparing the **Estimated Deficit per Student** to **TK-8 Enrollment** for each period, the data depicts a high correlation between student enrollment, estimated deficit values per student and fundraising needs. These correlational relationships illustrate that **strong enrollment numbers are necessary to mitigate the gaps between student tuition and education costs**.



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Fundraising at St. John Notre Dame School



Community Involvement and Fundraising

Because St. John Notre Dame tuition is less than the cost to educate, we count on your continued fundraising support to provide the best learning experience for our children. Our most popular events are the Irish Gala, Jog-a-thon, and the Annual Fund. We look forward to these occasions every year, as they are wonderful opportunities for the community to fundraise while celebrating fellowship and supporting the mission of SJND to educate minds and inspire spirits. Proceeds from these, and all other fundraising opportunities, help pay for expenses that tuition does not cover.

It is also expected that families will be involved on a voluntary basis to provide services that benefit the school. Family participation in our Scrip and volunteer programs is invaluable because it helps us lower operating costs and enhance the educational experience for our children. SJND extends families the option of need-based financial aid. We appreciate and honor the sacrifices of all families who believe in the value of a Catholic School experience, and trust us as their partner in education.

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Closing Remarks

In partnership with parents, the mission of SJND is to develop faith-filled servants who lead with confidence, and by example. We invite children to embark on a journey of self-discovery, cultivate their passions, and come to know God all in one place. St. John Notre Dame empowers students to become leaders who give the best of themselves to their families, communities, and God.

SJND faculty work tirelessly to stimulate the spirit of inquiry, the acquisition of knowledge, the development of faith, and the thoughtful synthesis of worthy goals in our students, preparing them for the academic rigors ahead. We take joy in actively encouraging children to embrace new concepts and ideas, listen to others, and think critically. These imperative skills will serve them well as they transition into high school and beyond. At SJND, students come to know, love and serve Christ in all that they do.

Thank you for your love and continued support of St. John Notre Dame School. Your participation in school and parish events keeps the mission and tradition of Catholic education alive. For the opportunity to enlighten the minds and inspire the spirits of our youth, we are truly blessed.

