

DIOCESE OF DES MOINES
Catholic Schools Policies/Regulations

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Eligibility Requirements for Participants in Outside Extended Learning Programs

For exceptionally gifted middle school students to be able to enroll in an extended learning program, outside their Catholic school, the student must meet or exceed the following requirements:

- Teacher recommendation with principal's approval; and
- The most recent Iowa Assessments Total score in the 98th percentile, based on national norms, in all subjects in which the student wishes to enroll for course work; and
- Most recent Annual GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.70 or better in the core subjects of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science; and
- When a student wishes to enroll for course work in mathematics, the student will need a qualifying score on the Iowa Algebra Readiness Assessment (IARA).

If a student's assessment scores are not at the above described levels, for one of either of the Iowa Assessments scores or the IARA, a high level score on a nationally normed ability test can be considered for determining eligibility to participate. The cost of such testing would be borne by the parent or guardian. Among the assessments which could be used for determination are:

- Cog AT (Cognitive Abilities Test) Scoring at 125 or better; or
- BEST (Belin-Blank Exceptional Student Talent Search) A Pre-ACT Test Score of 28-30

High school students, who wish to participate in vocational training courses or in other courses not offered in our Catholic high schools, must have a written course of study that, if all courses are completed successfully, will allow them to meet the graduation requirements of their Catholic high school.

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