

Ascension School - Fact Sheet

Established in 1956

Accredited 2001 & Reaccredited 2007 with the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association



Gr. Levels: Kdg (full day) - Gr. 8 **School Hours:** 8:00-2:30

Class Size Limits: Kdg. – 24 pupils per class
Gr. 1-8 - 26 pupils per class

Curriculum: Ascension offers to its students a core curriculum of religion, reading, language arts, math, science, social studies along with classes in physical education, music and art. Christian values are integrated throughout the curriculum and students participate often in mass and devotional activities. Students have the opportunity at various grade levels for fine arts experiences with the Philharmonic, Dayton Ballet and Dayton Art Institute. Students from Ascension go on to Catholic and public high schools very well prepared.

Faculty & Staff: All classroom teachers are state licensed and certified in religious education by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

- Teachers - 20 Full-time, 4 Part-time, including Art, Phys Ed, Music, Spanish & Technology Specialists.
- Support Staff - Full-time Counselor, Early Childhood Intervention Specialist, Tutor, Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Teacher
- State & Federally Funded Auxiliary Staff - Intervention Specialist, Part-time Speech Therapist & Nurse; Title I Teachers for Kettering & Dayton
- Administrative/Sec. - 3 Full-time

Student/Teacher Ratio:

Average of 17.6 students to one classroom teacher.

Enrollment & Performance: Ascension serves around 385 students each school year. Gr. 3 students of Ascension took the Ohio Reading Achievement Assessment in Fall 2012. The average Reading Scale Score across the State was 407, and 403 in the Kettering District. Ascension students had an average Reading Scale Score of 417. Eighty percent (80%) of Ascension 3rd graders scored at proficient or above compared to 58% for the district and 65% for the state. This is the assessment that legislators have determined will be the measure of students reading proficiency that students must pass at a proficient level starting in 2014.

Student Daily Attendance Rate: 97.7%

Sacraments: Gr. 2 students have the opportunity to receive First Communion and First Reconciliation. Students have the opportunity at Gr. 8 to receive Confirmation.

Special Needs: The school has a Speech Therapist and an Intervention Specialist Teacher on staff. Attempts are made to accommodate the needs of physically or learning disabled students. The facility is accessible. Currently Ascension has served students with Autism, Hearing impairments, Specific Learning Disabilities, Speech & Language needs and Other Health Impairments for a total of 20 students being served or 5.7% of the school population.

Behavior: Students are taught life skills for school and home that are based on respect, responsibility and reverence. Teachers are trained in the “Well Managed Classroom” model. Over 100 parents have participated in the complimentary “Common Sense Parenting” program.

After School Program: Ascension Catholic School and the Kettering YMCA partner together in offering after school care to students on site at Ascension for a weekly fee.

Extracurricular Activities: Students may participate in a number of school and parish sponsored extracurricular activities including: Spanish Club (K-8), MathCounts (7-8), Instrumental Band (5-8), Choir (4-8), First LEGO League (4-8), Power of the Pen (7-8), Junior Optimist International (6-8), Boy & Girl Scouts (K-8), Wellness Advisory Council (5-8), CYO Sports (Soccer, Basketball, Golf, Volleyball, Baseball, Softball, Track & Field, Football) at most grade levels. More than 75% of Ascension students participate in extra-curricular activities.

Student Residence Diversity & Family Economics:

33% Beaver Creek (128)	37% Dayton (142)
22% Kettering (84)	8% Other 10 Districts (31)

11.2% students are from diverse ethnic or racial backgrounds
22.6% students are from families with incomes less than federal low income levels

High School Preparation: 74% of Ascension Grade 8 students went on in 2012 to attend area Catholic high schools, including Carroll High School, Archbishop Alter and Chaminade Julienne.

Lunch: The school participates in the Federal Lunch & Breakfast Program. Nutritious meals are reasonably priced. A grab and go Breakfast is served in the morning. Reduced price and free meals are available for qualifying families.

Facilities & Technology: The Ascension school building is sound with recent renovations to the school floors, windows, lockers, ceilings, lighting, cafeteria, PA system, security, ceiling fans, computer workstations in all classrooms, media center automation and play equipment all been completed in the last 8 years. There is a 1:5 ratio of computer workstations to students.

Transportation: Bus transportation is provided in most cases to residents of the Kettering, Dayton, Beaver Creek & Sugar Creek school districts. Parents may transport their children by car and some children opt to safely ride bikes or walk to school.

Parents: Ascension has a very active Parent Teacher Organization, which has been very supportive of the school. Parents have many opportunities to volunteer. The Ascension Academic Team involves parents in offering one to one tutoring and intervention services to students in need.

Tuition: Ascension School has comparatively reasonable tuition rates with a variety of payment schedules. Tuition accounts for 60% of the school income, while the parish continues to support the remainder of school costs. Tuition assistance is available for Ascension parish students. About 40% of the students receive tuition assistance of some type.

2013-14 Parishioner Tuition: 1 child - \$2,790	2 children - \$5,180
3 children - \$7,140	4 children - \$8,680

Non-Parishioner/Non Catholic Tuition: 1 child - \$4,300

Ohio EdChoice & PACE Scholarships Accepted International (F1) Students Accepted

Calls regarding enrollment are welcome at any time of the school year.

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