

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Programs



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Founded in 1900, Sacred Heart Catholic School enjoys a long history steeped in tradition, service and scholarship. It is the only Catholic school in the area and is located in the historic district of the city of Hattiesburg. We are recognized as a school marked by our respect for the individual, excellence in academics and extra-curricular activities, service to our community and a faith focused on justice.

A co-educational, college preparatory school, Sacred Heart has an enrollment of more than 700 students in grades Pre-K through twelve on two campuses. The student body is diverse, representing various racial, ethnic, economic and religious groups. Sacred Heart

Catholic School is the largest school in the Diocese of Biloxi, and is fully accredited by the Mississippi State Department of Education and AdvancEd/ Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.



Academically, Sacred Heart students score above the national average on all standardized tests, with our elementary school in the top 20% and our high school in the top 10% in the country. ACT scores for high school students are consistently more than 6 points above the state average, and always above the national average.

Sacred Heart students have many opportunities to develop physically, socially, and emotionally through participation in a variety of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. At the high school level students participate in campus ministry team, student government, speech and debate team, mock trial team, student publications, service groups, academic honor societies, choir, dance team, cheerleading, drama, visual arts exhibits and special interest clubs. Sacred Heart enjoys statewide and regional recognition for its competitive athletic programs, as they compete in the 1A classification of the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) in swimming, cross country, volleyball, football, soccer, basketball, softball, tennis, golf, track and baseball.

INSPIRING FAITH AND ENLIGHTENING  
FUTURES SINCE 1900

## PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

Our pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes are taught by one lead teacher and one assistant teacher in each room. The teachers offer structured but age-appropriate lessons in reading, math, social studies, science, handwriting and religion. The students attend specialty classes in art, Spanish, music, physical education and computer once a week, and they visit the school library.

The school day begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m., with most academic classes in the morning. Students have a morning recess and eat lunch in the school cafeteria, and rest-time and snacks in the afternoon.

Outside the classroom, students participate in choral music concerts, field trips, and educational walks in the downtown area.



### **Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Curriculum**

**Reading:** McMillan/McGraw-Hill *Treasures* reading series.

**Math:** McMillan/McGraw-Hill *Math Connects* series.

**Science:** McMillan/McGraw-Hill *Science-A Closer Look* series.

**Social Studies:** *Weekly Reader Magazine* in Pre-Kindergarten and *TIME for Kids* in Kindergarten.

**Religion:** Pflaum's *Gospel Weeklies Seeds* in Pre-kindergarten and Sadlier's *We Believe with Project Disciple* program in Kindergarten.

**Specialty Classes (Art, Spanish, Music, Physical Education, Computer):** Instructor-designed curriculum for each grade level, incorporating the overall plan of study for Pre-Kindergarten through sixth grades.

## ADMISSIONS

### **Admission Requirements**

A child must be 4 years old by September 1 of the year entering pre-kindergarten or 5 years old by September 1 of the year entering kindergarten. A Sacred Heart Catholic School "Application for Admission" must be submitted to the Office of Admissions with the following additional items:

- Copy of child's birth certificate
- Teacher recommendation form from a preschool or mother's day out teacher. If the child entering pre-kindergarten or kindergarten has not been enrolled in a structured program (or the daycare/school will not complete the form), the admissions committee may request that the child be tested.

Admission is determined by the Admissions Committee after reviewing the application and teacher recommendation.



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