

St. James School Report Card

Mission

St. James School, an educational ministry of the Catholic Church, proudly serves families in the parishes of Saint James, Saint Anthony, and Saint Peter, as well as those in the surrounding communities. Our mission is to pass on the teachings and values of the Roman Catholic faith and to educate the whole child by providing a contemporary, well-rounded education that promotes intellectual and spiritual enlightenment. We are dedicated to nurturing academic excellence, opportunities for success, Gospel values, and an environment that fosters self worth. St. James is a safe and caring community where students are encouraged to pursue the path of salvation by becoming their best selves.



Faith Formation

The domains of social, spiritual, physical, and academic development are rooted in faith formation. St. James staff ensure that religious activities are routinely incorporated into student life. At each morning assembly in our courtyard, students and staff gather and pray, asking for God's love and guidance. The St. James community worships together at Mass every Friday at 9 a.m. Students participate in every aspect of the celebration as lectors, altar servers, and choir members. Central to our core curriculum is religious education where children learn about the Gospels, saints, biblical history as well as the traditions and faith practices of the Catholic Church. We also prepare students for reception of Sacraments: First Communion and the Rite of Reconciliation in second grade and Confirmation in seventh and eighth grades. Inspired by faith to show compassion and empathy to others, the entire school is involved with supporting charitable causes like Kids Can—Canned Food Drive, CRS Service Projects for Hurricane Harvey and Earthquake Relief in Mexico, and the charitable causes of CHiPS for Kids Toy Drive and St. Vincent De Paul's "A Different Kind of Paper Drive." In addition, our middle school students are expected to contribute their time and talents to service in the local community. When our children perform God's corporal works of mercy, they deepen their faith while learning that despite our personal circumstances we are all God's people.



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Academics and Enrichment

St. James School educates the whole child in a Catholic environment by providing a relevant and comprehensive curriculum that harmonizes intellectual development and moral values. Held to the highest Diocesan standards, instruction in every subject is designed to meet or exceed the requirements set forth by California State Standards. Our core academic program prepares children to think critically, communicate clearly, and apply knowledge creatively. We recognize that every child is unique and ensure that our students receive the instruction they deserve to be confident in their abilities.

The learning process does not begin or end with classroom instruction. Children must be free to explore their strengths and develop their talents in interactive settings. St. James believes that in order to educate a child in the image of God, instruction must reflect a sense of holism, in which all parts of development—social, physical, academic, and spiritual—stem from a healthy faith life.

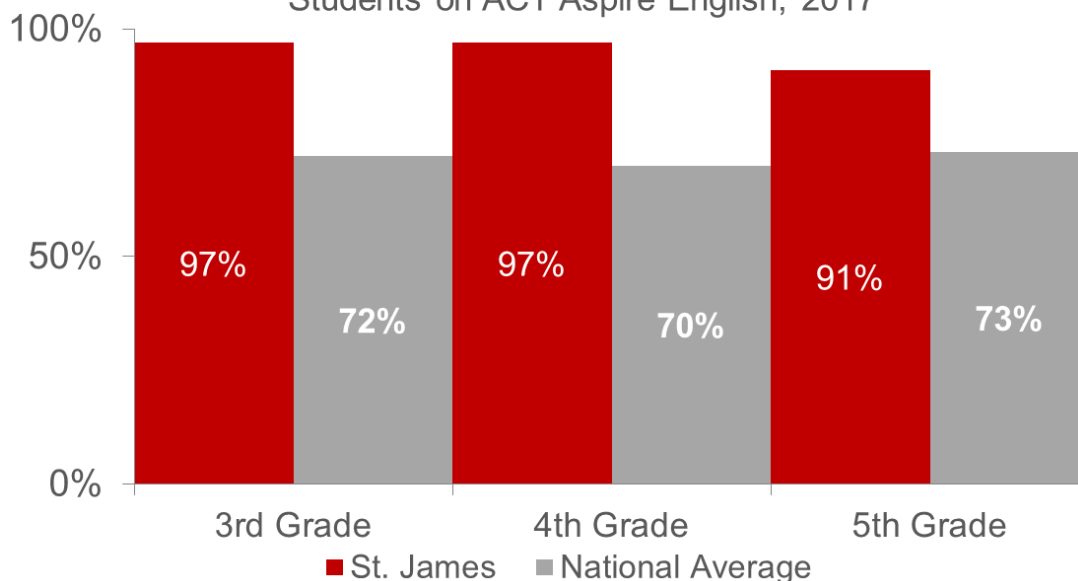
To honor all the domains of student growth, St. James offers a wide variety of enrichment opportunities in band, visual art, choir, flag football, volleyball, basketball, cross country, track & field, golf, and soccer. In music class, students develop music reading skills, learn music theory, and train their ears by performing in ensembles and studying different styles of music. Recreational sports encourage children to work physical activity into their lifestyles and to channel their energies into healthy, sportsmanlike competition. The CA Department of Fish and Wildlife's Nature Bowl and the National Geographic Geography Bee are opportunities for students to both challenge and showcase their knowledge in exciting academic tournaments to which all Diocesan schools are invited. Our students also participate in the Speech Contest and the Choral Festival offered by the Diocese on an annual basis. Through these and other extracurricular activities, students can enjoy fun with friends, learn the importance of collaboration, and interact with children in social settings that drive character development.



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Student Performance Review ⁽¹⁾

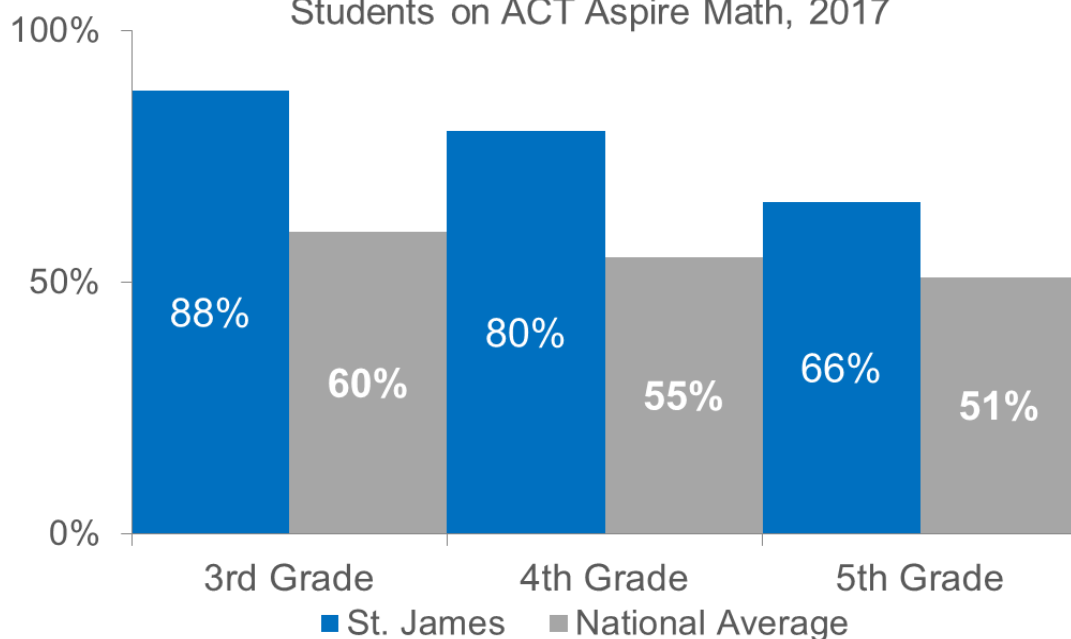
Average Proficiency Scores of Elementary School Students on ACT Aspire English, 2017



BRILLIANT BEGINNINGS

From the very start, the curriculum at St. James School encourages young learners to form a positive work ethic, good study habits, and a love for learning; these are the roots of successful scholarship.

Average Proficiency Scores of Elementary School Students on ACT Aspire Math, 2017



CULTURE OF CARE

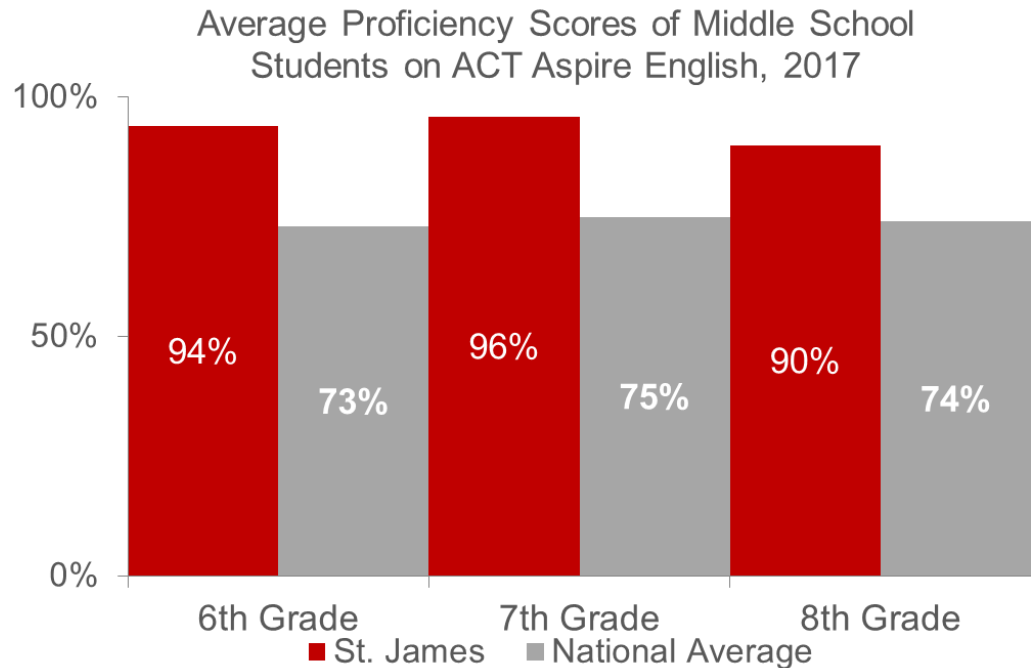
Acknowledging that children have different learning styles, our teachers differentiate classroom instruction, using a variety of images and explanations to communicate subject matter and to ensure that no child gets left behind in the learning process.



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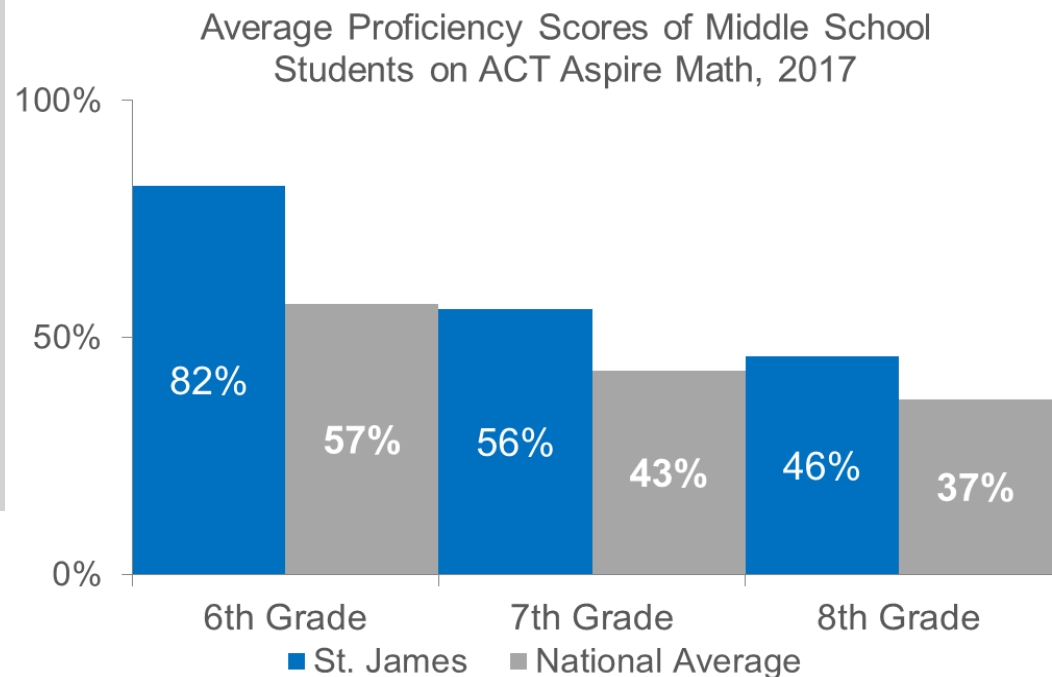
REAL WORLD PREP

An education at St. James School supports students with the development of academic knowledge and strength of character, preparing them for success in high school, college, and career.



COMPETITIVE EDGE

The comprehensive and well-rounded curriculum at St. James equips students with the knowledge and skills to be academically competitive with their grade-level peers on a national scale.



(1) Based on 2016-2017 ACT ASPIRE data for St. James School of the Diocese of Sacramento. Obtained from <https://www.actaspire.org/>. ACT® Aspire® © 2012-2017. All rights reserved.



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St. James School Financials

<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Budget ^(a)
Sources of Income:			
TK - 8 Tuition and Registration Fees, Net of Tuition Assistance and Uncollected Accounts ^(a)	\$ 1,321.9	\$ 1,315.6	\$ 1,500.8
Extended Day, Net	19.1	6.5	10.4
Summer School, Net	8.6	1.2	-
Extracurricular Sports, Net	0.4	6.3	3.9
Donations and gifts	74.3	45.4	68.5
Food Services, Net	5.6	(2.6)	3.4
Parent Club and Fundraising, Net	138.6	275.0	179.0
Parish Support	-	10.0	20.0
Investment Earnings (Losses), Net	(21.4)	93.8	5.3
Total	\$ 1,547.1	\$ 1,751.2	\$ 1,791.3
Cost to Educate:			
Instructional	\$ 1,255.6	\$ 1,158.8	\$ 1,240.0
Administrative	366.1	369.4	469.8
Facility Maintenance and Operations	147.5	190.8	126.3
Total	\$ 1,769.2	\$ 1,719.0	\$ 1,836.1
Other Expenses:			
Capital Expenditures	\$ 31.9	\$ 13.7	\$ 35.0
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (254.0)	\$ 18.5	\$ (79.8)

TK - 8 Enrollment	285	269	282
Cost to Educate per Student	\$ 6,208	\$ 6,390	\$ 6,511
Tuition for First Child (Parishioner Rate)	4,961	5,110	5,250
Estimated Deficit per Student	\$ (1,247)	\$ (1,280)	\$ (1,261)
Minimum Fundraising Needs (Dollars in Thousands)	\$ 355.3	\$ 344.4	\$ 355.6

(a) TK Program began in the 2017-18 school year

Financial information for the 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years is presented above. 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 2017-18 school year where the deficit is estimated to be \$1,261 per student.**

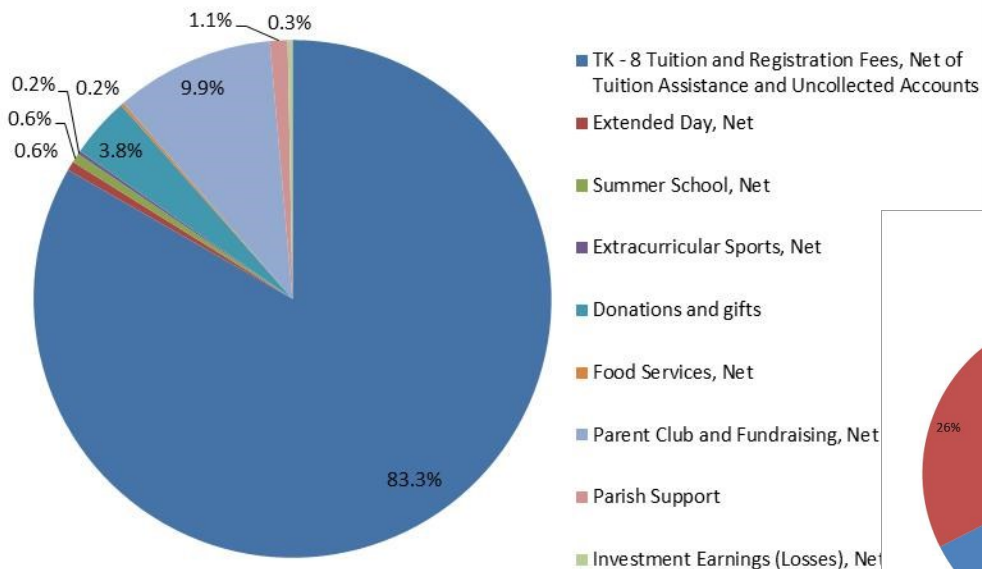
When comparing the **Estimated Deficit per Student** to **K-8 Enrollment** for each period, the data depicts a high correlation between student enrollment, estimated deficit values per student and fundraising needs. These correlational relationships illustrate that **strong enrollment numbers are necessary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



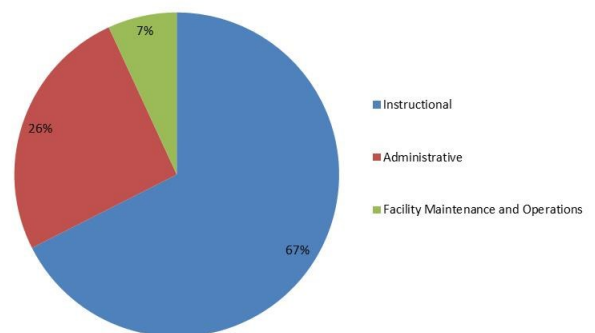
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Fundraising at St. James School

**Sources of Income 2017-18 Budget
Total \$1.8 Million**



**\$6,511 Cost to Educate Student vs.
Parishioner Tuition Rate of \$5,250⁽¹⁾**



Community Involvement and Fundraising

Because tuition for St. James 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 fundraising events are the Annual School Auction and the Crab Feed. 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 St. James which is 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 service hour programs is invaluable in helping us lower our operating costs and improve the quality of education for our children. We extend families the option of need-based financial aid. On average, our families receive approximately \$50,000 in tuition assistance each year. Here at St. James School, we appreciate and honor the sacrifices of all families who believe in the value of Catholic education and trust us as their partner in education. Your ongoing support demonstrates a strong sense of community; and that is what separates St. James from other educational environments.



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Closing Remarks

St. James is a loving and faith-filled environment where children are invited to become their best selves. We value each student as an individual uniquely created in God's image and likeness. Attentive to students' needs, staff at St. James are committed to giving children the attention and guidance they need to achieve success in their studies along with confidence in themselves as a result. St. James strives to create an atmosphere in which students feel comfortable expressing their uniqueness, and are able to develop to their fullest potentials, knowing that they have the love and support of the school community.

As primary educators of children, parents are challenged to establish a solid foundation of Gospel values and Christian traditions. We share this responsibility, as formal educators, by shepherding students in the discovery and appreciation of the part they play in God's plan. An education supported by spiritual foundations transforms lives and empowers students to shape their futures in ways that lead them down the path of salvation. St. James School creates judicious leaders whose actions are inspired by love, faith, and service.

