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SND/CRS Global High School (GHS) Program FAQ's

Where does this come from?

CRS presented on the Global High School initiative at the 2015 SND Education Summit in Dayton which sparked interest in participating in the program. The program has since become part of the strategic plan of the SND National Education Office Advisory Council.

We are already doing this, aren't we?

You might be! Participation in GHS forms an intentional focus on global solidarity by adding the three components of pray, learn, act/give throughout all areas of the school curriculum. The SND National Education Office would like you to be consciously connected to others in the network by doing this together. Additionally, this could help deepen your already existing programs.

Is this required?

The SND network of schools highly encourages you to participate to share the SND charism and apostolic outreach. This is an exclusive invitation to high schools in the SND Educational Partnership. It is an opportunity to consider integrating and extending the learning opportunities and faith engagement of your school. It is a voluntary program with an "opt in" invitation.

What is the cost?

It's FREE! The core programs all have materials that are provided by CRS at no additional cost to your school. Additionally, all of the planning tools for school-wide events are also provided by CRS at no cost to your school. If your school decides to put on a school-wide event, such as a dance-a-thon, that requires costs to implement, then those costs will be paid by the school. However, most, if not all, expenses should be recouped at the completion of a fundraising event.

Why would our school want to participate?

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) recognizes the vital role Catholic secondary schools play in the Church's mission of education, evangelization and catechesis in the United States. Motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the CRS Global High School Program provides opportunities for Catholic secondary schools to join with CRS to educate our youth about Catholic social teaching and advocate for solidarity with the global poor.

What are the advantages for our school community getting involved?

Participation in this transformative program is a great way to engage your students in enhancing Catholic identity and living out the mission of the school through meaningful involvement and give expression to Education for Transformation.

What is the commitment?

Your school chooses your involvement based at the silver, gold or platinum level. As your participation increases, your commitment can move to the next level.

Time commitment varies depending on involvement. In some cases, if your school is already participating in Rice Bowl and conducting a qualified school-wide event, there is no additional



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time needed aside from completing the online application form and CRS survey. If your school isn't already doing something, don't worry! Each of the CRS Core Programs has built-in flexibility to allow your school to engage at a level that is achievable for your school. For example, if your school decides to do Food Fast – you can do a 3-hour Food Fast or you can do an overnight retreat program. It's completely up to each school as to how much to engage and there are resources available for use at every level.

Does every student have to participate for a Core Program or School-wide Event to “count”?

No.

What resources exist to help us get started?

The exciting aspect of this program is that CRS has a website (<http://ghs.crs.org>) filled with simple, easy to follow, step-by-step instructions to help you get started and guide you along the way. To speak with a person directly, please contact Lisa Canterbury, the SND National Education Office Program Director, at lcantebury@ndec.org or 440.279.1102. For a list of SND qualified events, please visit <http://www.snded.org>

Where do the funds raised during Rice Bowl go? Can we direct the local funds?

Each year Rice Bowl funds are directed to between 40 and 45 countries where CRS operates humanitarian response and development programs. While you are not able to determine where the Rice Bowl funds are going internationally, your school can talk to your CRS Diocesan Director because 25% of the money given is sent to your local diocese. Many dioceses will work with individual schools to direct this money to school determined charities.

What is the approval process on the CRS side for school-wide events to count as activities coming from religious community affiliated schools?

Please refer to the SND NEO web page (www.snded.org) for ideas and suggestions of school-wide events meeting the CRS criteria. If you have a new idea, have an event that is not there, or are building onto an existing event, contact your Steering Committee member for quick and easy approval. If the SND National Education Office through the GHS steering committee approves it – then CRS approves it.

Is there a certificate that we can display designating the school as a participating member?

You can request a certificate from the SND NEO office and it will be mailed to you at no cost.

Are any SND Education Partnership Schools already part of the GHS initiative?

Yes, Notre Dame Academy in Toledo, OH is a silver participant!

How does this fit with our school's mission?

The GHS program fits with your school's mission in the following ways:

- Enhances Catholic identity and is part of the gospel call to learn, serve and lead.
- Directly connects with Catholic social teaching and the current emphasis on justice, peace, and integrity of creation (JPIC).
- Gives expression to the SND educational vision and principles