

The Educational Vision and Principles of the Sisters of Notre Dame

Impelled by Jesus Christ and his mission
and our rich educational heritage,
we provide a Catholic-Christian environment
of educational excellence
for the transformation of individuals and society.
We form persons who are skilled and committed
to journey together in hope
as witnesses and catalysts
for the responsible care of all God's creation
and for justice and peace,
especially for those on the margins of society.

Principle One:

The Centrality of a Good and Provident God

Principle Two:

The Human Dignity of Each Person as an Image of God

Principle Three:

The Notre Dame Educator as Gospel Witness

Principle Four:

An Integrated Education for Transformation



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Sisters of Notre Dame National Education Partnership

Affiliated Membership Benefits and Responsibilities



The Sisters of Notre Dame, founded in 1850 in Coesfeld, Germany, have a rich history of service in a variety of educational ministries. Today they collaborate with lay colleagues in 18 countries on five continents, bringing the Good News and the transformative power of education to new generations.

In the United States, sisters in each province of the Sisters of Notre Dame (Chardon, OH, Covington, KY, Thousand Oaks, CA, Toledo, OH) minister at schools and other institutions committed to carrying on the mission of Jesus in a manner relevant to the needs of the times. The Sisters are also active in serving in a variety of ministries and partnering with others for the transformation of individuals and society, making visible the Reign of God.

Schools that have a past or present connection with the Sisters of Notre Dame and who want to continue to educate according to SND Educational Vision and Principles are invited to join the SND National Education Partnership.

Forty-six elementary & high schools in six states and the District of Columbia are members of the Partnership, learning and living the SND charism of proclaiming God's goodness and provident care to all.

Benefits of Affiliated Membership

- ◆ Through SND Education Website: www.snded.org access to members-only section for:
 - ◇ on-line news and notes; on-line sharing
 - ◇ prayer services, etc. online for printing
 - ◇ other resources for SND History & Heritage, SND Educational Vision & Principles
- ◆ Eligible to give Distinguished Graduate Award and order materials from Office as available
- ◆ One yearly presentation re: SND Education Office staff to a group determined by school (faculty or parents or other)
- ◆ Certificate of yearly affiliation for posting
- ◆ Authorization to list: "SND National Education Partnership" with school credentials & memberships
- ◆ Orientation of new administrative leadership to SND education when changes occur
- ◆ Prayers & support of worldwide network of Notre Dame educators and Sisters of Notre Dame

Additional Contract Benefits of Affiliation

- ◆ Additional school-specific presentations/in-services on SND Charism and Educational Vision and Principles for other groups
- ◆ Assistance with boards or other school group development and/or evaluation

Expectations of Affiliation

- ◆ Yearly in-house review/in-service with faculty & staff on SND Educational Vision & Principles
- ◆ Integration of SND history and/or heritage and educational vision & principles in school documents & on school website
- ◆ Certificate of affiliation posted in a prominent place; listing of "SND National Education Partnership" with school credentials
- ◆ Visible signs of Sisters of Notre Dame within the school
- ◆ Presentation of the Distinguished Graduate Award made by a Sister of Notre Dame, if possible