



The Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association

In 1994, the Bishops of Ohio formed the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association (OCSAA). The OCSAA is a collaborative undertaking of the Catholic dioceses in Ohio and is governed by the Superintendents of Schools who serve as the OCSAA Commission. The purpose of the OCSAA is to strengthen Catholic school identity and mission and to engage Catholic schools in the ongoing improvement of student learning.

In keeping with the mission of the OCSAA, the OCSAA process has as its hallmark a commitment to continuous improvement. As each school engages in strategic planning, it moves toward the vision of a high-performing school in which students are grounded in their faith life and achieve at high levels.

OCSAA accreditation also requires schools to show evidence that they are implementing OCSAA Standards. The State Board of Education has approved these Standards as comparable to the ODE's Operating Standards for Ohio's Schools. Through the OCSAA accreditation process, a new Catholic school can apply for a charter from the state of Ohio and existing Catholic schools can maintain their state charters.

All of the schools in the Diocese of Youngstown are fully accredited by the OCSAA and possess a charter from the State of Ohio to operate.