

The curriculum at St. Anthony is based around both what is required by the state of Indiana and the direction provided to our school by the Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend. Our teachers collaborate together to ensure that all essential academic standards are addressed in the appropriate grade levels. Students are assessed throughout the school year in a variety of methods. Teachers are able to maximize instructional time using multiple efficient strategies to fully understand student academic needs.

Our staff stands committed to the learning needs of each individual child. We place a firm cap on class size with no more than 25 students in any classroom. Our philosophy regarding student academic success can be summarized in three driving questions that guide our teachers' decision making.

- *What do we want our students to learn? (curriculum)*
- *How will we know if they have mastered it? (assessment)*
- *What do we do if they have not mastered it? (intervention and instruction)*

We are proud of our students' success in academically challenging competitions such as History Day and Science Fair, where year after year St. Anthony students place at the state and national levels. St. Anthony students compete and excel in the Quiz Bowl competition. Our ISTEP scores are consistently above the results of both local and Indiana state averages. And, we consistently receive a State Accountability letter grade of "A". In addition to core academics, we are able to incorporate Foreign Language, Art, Music and Religion into the everyday curriculum in fun and unique ways. We are pleased to offer Band to our students in 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We are especially proud to have one of the most robust and diverse Physical Education programs in the area.

**In all grades, students are encouraged and invited to be active participants in the learning experience. From planning and participating in weekly school liturgies to integrating all subject matter into their daily lessons, our students are receiving an education that balances math, social studies and history, science, computer science, music, art, physical education, library and Spanish upon a foundation of religious education that helps a child grow in faith.**