



Annunciation
A Catholic  School



At Annunciation Catholic EL School, we're
Redefining What's Possible.



Annual Report | 2018

Annunciation is a paradox. While our building is worn and aging, the learning that happens within our walls is innovative and lively. While we may be financially under-resourced, our team is talented beyond measure, and our community is rich in what counts. While many of our families are burdened by poverty, our students shatter boundaries and forge new stories of possibility for themselves, their families, & their community.

Annunciation exists at the intersection of relentless dedication, undimmed hope, and genuine joy. We are a school unafraid to explore new approaches to teaching and learning in order to offer the highest-quality Catholic EL education to any family who seeks it, and we remain committed to our mission of serving with special intention the marginalized and the least-served. Despite the challenges, we are thriving. Over the past 5 years, we have become a nationally-recognized educational leader among Christian schools, achieved a 3-year fiscally sustainable positive cashflow, boosted our enrollment and tuition collection hand-in-hand, begun to close the academic achievement gap for our students, and proudly witnessed three cohorts of Annunciation graduates finish high school with nearly a 90% High School Graduation Rate and head to college. **We are not simply defying the odds: we are rewriting them.**

Becoming Educational Leaders

Annunciation boasts an elite staff and innovative educational program that is getting noticed well beyond the Cole neighborhood. We are rapidly developing a reputation among educators across North America as a school that you have to come see...

45 Guest Educators Attended Professional Learning Site Seminars at ACS.

2 National Conferences Included ACS faculty as presenters.

\$4,600 Income generated from hosting site seminars & professional learning opportunities.



" I Love Annunciation... the mission, the empowerment of students, the integration of faith into learning, the hospitality, and the work of the students and staff empower students to play their role in God's story NOW, not just later or upon graduation! "

Darryl DeBoer is the Director of Learning at Surrey Christian in British Columbia. For back-to-back years, Darryl has brought 30+ members of his faculty to ACS for a 2-Day Site Seminar to learn from what we do.



" At ACS, I had the opportunity to lead a Master Class at the EL National Conf. in Chicago, growing as an educator and sharing our powerful work with others. "

Jerilyn Manzella is the Co-Director of School Advancement & Mid. School Math Teacher at ACS.

Raising The Bar

Each day, we strive for excellence in our 3 Dimensions of Student Achievement – mastering knowledge and skills, creating high quality work, and strengthening our character and faith. As we continue to close the achievement gap for good, we're making remarkable gains...

4th Grade Reading Readiness & Proficiency

58% of Annunciation 4th Graders

26% of Colorado 4th Graders in other Title I Schools

22% of Low-Income 4th Graders

16% of 4th Graders in Closest Public & Charter Schools

Neighborhood Pub. & Charter Comparison

2 mi Radius
10 Schools.
Grades 3-8.

1 mi Radius
3 Schools.
Grades 3-8.

ACS Students Average...
+24% Higher in Reading
+19% Higher in Math

ACS Students Average...
+30% Higher in Reading
+28% Higher in Math

Paving The Path To College

The path to college for Annunciation students begins in Kindergarten, paved by years of character-forming education and our rigorous Catholic High School placement program. Because of our strong K-8 foundation, ACS grads thrive in high school, college, & beyond...

86% ACS Grads over last 5 years accepted to Catholic High Schools.

90% ACS Grads finish high school on time, compared to 67% in DPS.

89% ACS Grads go to college after HS, compared to 70% nationally.

These 3 Most-Recent ACS Graduate Cohorts include...

- 2** Daniel's Fund Scholars
- 2** Regis-Arrupe Scholars
- 5** Other merit-based scholars



" By attending Annunciation, I was able to get into a great Catholic high school and further my education at a Catholic university. In a public school, I wouldn't have had the same opportunities, like my full-ride scholarship to Regis! "

Armando Palacios is a 2014 ACS graduate & 2018 graduate from Arrupe Jesuit High School. He had many scholarship opportunities, choosing to attend Regis University on a full-ride Regis-Arrupe Partner Scholarship. Armando was also accepted to Creighton University, Seattle U., St. Louis U., Rutgers, Marquette, & Barry.

Building Our Community & Coalition

It seems our reputation precedes us. On account of our robust community, our joyful & rigorous classrooms, our pioneering approach to teaching & learning, and our inspiring results, we are filling our seats, recruiting top teachers, and attracting new supporters.

- Families** { **6% Enrollment Increase** Over past 2 years, from **165** (2016-17) to **175+** (2018-19).
15 New Families Enrolled at Annunciation for 2018-19 School Year.
- Faculty** { **5 ACERs** On faculty, who've done the Notre Dame ACE Program (Alliance for Catholic Ed.)
56% Master's Degree Percent of faculty possessing or working toward adv. degree.



" My kid's education is the most important thing to me. At Annunciation, if my kids fall behind, the teachers help them, which is especially important because my kids have special learning needs... It's worth paying for! "
 Irma Vasquez is an involved parent of 2 ACS students.



" I came to Annunciation for a school that is supportive of teachers & students, a community of learning that is focused on learning in a real-world context, that actually puts into practice the belief that learning is more than taking a test or memorizing a fact. It' about what we do with what we learn. "
 Maggie Ellis is our new 5th Grade teacher & crew leader. She is a 2018 ACE Graduate & turned down a position at the ACE Academy of Indianapolis to join the faculty crew at Annunciation.

Achieving Financial Sustainability

Our fiscal challenge is simple – the families who most need what we offer are those with the fewest means to pay for it. Yet, through budget slimming, dedicated development, the generosity of many, and sheer grit, we are proving that sustainability is possible.



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