



Fairfield College
Preparatory School

A Jesuit, Catholic School of Excellence

Our Mission

Fairfield College Preparatory School is a Jesuit, Catholic School of excellence forming young men of intellectual competence, who possess the conscience to make wise decisions, a compassion for others, and a commitment to justice in our global society.

Our Vision

Fairfield College Preparatory School strives to be a reflective community of faith, in which students revere their relationship with God and with one another. We are committed to graduating transformational leaders who will respond to global and ecological challenges in an interconnected world marked by profound change.

Our Philosophy

Fairfield Prep accomplishes its mission and realizes its vision by demonstrating personal care and concern for all of its students, and by celebrating their unique gifts and diversity. In turn, students are expected to become responsible participants in the Prep community and beyond, and are encouraged to use their talents in the service of others, especially to those in need, *ad majorem Dei gloriam (For the greater glory of God)*.

Fairfield Prep aspires to:

- inspire in its students a lifelong love of learning;
- offer its students the finest preparation for college;
- invite each student to deepen his relationship with God;
- encourage each student's social, cultural and physical development;
- challenge its students to become leaders, living as men of competence, conscience, compassion, and commitment to justice.

The ideal graduate at graduation will have begun to realize his full potential within the nurturing environment of our Ignatian community. His intellectual abilities and moral perceptions will have been refined and developed, so that with maturity and growth he will be able to function wholly and positively within the complexities of the modern world, bringing to it moral insight, reasoned judgment, and a willingness to act as a transformational leader in the cause of human justice.

Upon graduation, the following characteristics represent the values which we cultivate in our students:

Open to Growth

The Jesuit high school graduate has matured as a person emotionally, intellectually, physically, creatively, socially, and religiously to a level that reflects intentional responsibility for his own growth. The graduate is beginning to reach out in his development, seeking opportunities to stretch his mind, imagination, feelings, and religious consciousness.

Intellectually Competent

The Jesuit high school graduate will demonstrate his mastery of academic subjects, and will make interdisciplinary connections across the curriculum. The graduate will have developed the essential intellectual skills and understandings that will allow him to excel in college and throughout his life. He is also developing habits of intellectual inquiry, as well as passion for life-long learning by embracing intellectual rigor in his personal quest for religious truth and in his pursuit of social justice.

Religious

The Jesuit high school graduate will understand the major doctrines and practices of the Catholic Church. Theology classes, retreats, and service experiences will have imbued him with personal knowledge of these teachings and traditions. Challenged to examine his own religious feelings, values, and beliefs through the lens of Ignatian spirituality, the graduate will deepen his relationship with God by means of active participation in a faith community.

Loving

The Jesuit high school graduate is continuing to form his own identity in relation to God and others. He is moving beyond self-centeredness and entering into mature relationships characterized by trust, self-sacrifice, commitment, and love. Recognizing God's image in others, he accepts and reveres the human dignity and divine mystery present in all people.

Committed to Doing Justice

The Jesuit high school graduate has developed the awareness and skills necessary to live in a global society as a person for and with others. He is keenly aware of the many needs of local, national, and global communities, all of which evolve in parallel with the development of new technologies, their ethical application, and their impact on the environment. In a world marked by profound change, the graduate will deepen his understanding to serve faith, promote justice, and dialogue with cultures and other religions in light of the Church's mandate to establish right relationships with God, with one another, and with creation.