

ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Ignatius is a Catholic, college preparatory school in the Jesuit tradition serving the San Francisco Bay Area. St. Ignatius strives to develop young women and men of competence, conscience, and compassion through an integrated program of academic, spiritual, and co-curricular activities. St. Ignatius seeks to develop students who strive toward the Jesuit ideal of the *magis*: a thirst for the more, for the greater good, for the most courageous response to the challenges of our time in the fullest development of students' talents, and for a lifelong disposition to serve.

EXPECTED SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING RESULTS

Building upon our Jesuit traditions and our foundational documents, the St. Ignatius Community has chosen a set of outcomes for all students in a college preparatory curriculum. To this end St. Ignatius students are:

I. Persons Open to Growth who

- evaluate divergent points of view.
- demonstrate tolerance and respect for divergent points of view.

II. Intellectually Competent persons who

- think critically and creatively.
- analyze and solve problems in a variety of disciplines, utilizing information from diverse sources.
- communicate effectively.

III. Religious persons who

- understand the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and His mission.
- demonstrate growth in personal spirituality.

IV. Loving persons who

- develop and support community and act as “persons for and with others.”

V. Persons Committed to Justice who

- work toward a just society.
- exercise a personal value system based on the Gospel message and thus are able to confront the moral ambiguities promoted by contemporary culture.

VI. Leaders in Collaboration who

- demonstrate basic leadership and collaborative skills.

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THE GRAD AT GRAD: PROFILE 2020

I. Open To Growth

A graduate of St. Ignatius has assumed responsibility for personal growth — intellectual, spiritual, and social — and has developed an openness to the diversity of the surrounding world. At the time of graduation the St. Ignatius student will:

- have contributed to and benefited from all areas of the school community (academic, spiritual, and co-curricular);
- demonstrate an openness to learning from all sources and exercise tolerance and respect for divergent points of view;
- demonstrate a commitment to the pursuit of excellence in all areas, realizing that learning is an on-going process worthy of a life-long commitment.

II. Intellectually Competent

A graduate of St. Ignatius exhibits mastery of a four-year college preparatory curriculum and has developed intellectual skills that go beyond academic excellence and requirements for college entrance by integrating Gospel values and our Ignatian heritage. At the time of graduation, the St. Ignatius student will:

- demonstrate the ability to think critically, act creatively, integrate Gospel values, analyze and solve problems in a variety of disciplines;
- demonstrate effective written, oral, technological, and collaborative communication skills and possess the foundational knowledge necessary for successfully pursuing an academic discipline in advanced education;
- demonstrate the ability to synthesize information from diverse sources and use that information to evaluate issues of contemporary life.

III. Religious

A graduate of St. Ignatius shows a basic knowledge of Scripture, doctrines, and practices of the Catholic Church while examining personal religious beliefs. The graduate explores and validates faith through further study, participation in a faith community, and prayer experience. At the time of graduation, the St. Ignatius student will:

- demonstrate an understanding of the Church's teaching about Jesus Christ and his mission, as well as the sacramental expressions of that mission;

- display an understanding of the relationship between faith in Jesus and being a “person for and with others” which manifests itself in action based on the Church’s teaching on social justice;
- evaluate moral choices and issues based on a well-informed conscience;
- develop a knowledge of other religions and a respect for their beliefs;
- grow in personal spirituality and develop an ability to articulate one’s own personal faith.

IV. Loving

A graduate of St. Ignatius has begun to establish his or her own identity and move beyond self-interest by forming deeper relationships with others, by valuing personal friendships and the global community. At the time of graduation, the St. Ignatius student will:

- demonstrate an awareness of God’s love by extending that love to family, friends, and community;
- demonstrate the ability to form healthy relationships and make healthy and mature lifestyle decisions;
- demonstrate a loving attitude by overcoming personal prejudices and stereotypes;
- act as “a person for and with others” by serving people in need and developing and supporting community.

V. Committed to Justice

A graduate of St. Ignatius is aware of the many needs of the local and global communities and is beginning to use his or her time and talents to work toward a just society in the context of Christian faith. The graduate is preparing to take a place in the community as a competent, concerned, compassionate, and responsible member. At the time of graduation, the St. Ignatius student will:

- exercise a personal value system based on the Gospel message and thus be able to confront the moral ambiguities promoted by contemporary culture;

- understand the connection between personal faith and the need for commitment to a just society, and, in that commitment, recognize the needs of the disadvantaged;
- recognize the global nature of many current social problems, including the protection of the natural environment, and the responsibility to address these problems for the benefit of the human community.

VI. Leaders in Collaboration

A graduate of St. Ignatius has become aware of and begun to practice the basic skills facilitating leadership and collaboration. The graduate has had opportunities to exercise leadership in the academic, co-curricular, and campus ministry domains. At the time of graduation, the St. Ignatius student will:

- demonstrate basic leadership skills, including integrity, vision, creativity, a strong work ethic, and the ability to gain trust that facilitates the development of leadership;
- speak honestly and persuasively, handle criticism with emotional maturity, and maintain a focus guided by the ethical values derived from our Catholic and Ignatian heritage;
- demonstrate an ability to influence others in a way that promotes justice and Gospel values.