

Academic:

St. Ailbe School places a high level of importance on academic success and we hold our students accountable. Our students benefit from innovative instructional techniques and tools which lead to improved student achievement.

- Students in grades K-8 participate in NWEA/MAP testing as an on-going progress monitoring assessment.
- Primary-age students benefit from the SuperKids™ program, a comprehensive phonics-based reading and language arts program that produces exceptional results in grades K-2.
- Our Inquiry-Based learning approach challenges students to develop critical thinking skills by utilizing the full curriculum to solve real-world problems.
- Our faculty engages in a Professional Learning Community and participate in the most advanced professional development through partnerships with universities to help increase student achievement.
- Grades are accessible to parents 24/7 through PowerSchool
- All classrooms have interactive Whiteboards, desktop computer and access to iPads to support instruction.

Faith:

When we say that we are a faith based school, it means that every day we are teaching our students how to be models of Christ's love. Our faith based education builds character and instills values in our students. We build a solid foundation so that our students flourish and develop into confident Christian leaders.

Faith is an integral part of our curriculum, but it is not just imparted in religion class. Faith is evident in our commitment to service and social justice, in the way that we interact with one another and the love and compassion that we demonstrate each day.

- We reinforce the values that you teach your children at home.
- We provide daily religious instruction, and our students graduate with a clear knowledge of Catholic teachings and moral principles.
- We value the importance of service; students participate in a variety of service projects that serve others in our own community
- Anti-Bullying and Conflict Resolution are critical components of our curriculum – components that are clearly reinforced and visible every day. We believe that it is important to teach students these values at an early age, and that our students learn more effectively because they are consistently exposed to positive character education.

Partnership:

Our family-oriented school community provides a safe, structured and academically focused environment. We provide services for our students and their families and will make necessary provisions to ensure that this is a great educational experience. We know that a Catholic education is an investment in your child's future. At St. Ailbe School, we will work together with your family to make the dream of Catholic education a reality for your child.

- Families and students are treated individually and respectfully.
- Our small class sizes—typically under 20 students—allow and encourage teachers to work one-on-one with each student to account for that child's individual gifts and needs.
- Inclusive Ed Center- provides on-site enrichment and assistance for students who need additional support.
- Partnership with local businesses- allows for parent workshops and connection to surrounding community.
- Parent Ambassadors Program is a program that works closely with the school's marketing team and is designed for our parents to represent our school.
- We are supported by the Archdiocese of Chicago and The Big Shoulders Fund which enables us to provide scholarship opportunities. Eligible families can receive significant scholarships to offset the cost of tuition. We also accept *CCI* (Child Care Initiative) and *Action for Children* for Preschool and Before and After Care. We will work with your family to make our Catholic school affordable.
- Before and After Care from 6:30 am- 6:30 pm

“St. Ailbe fosters a family feeling which is an extension of one's home. I know that St. Ailbe treats each student as family with care, guidance, safety and discipline when necessary. St. Ailbe's family orientation is a key value that differentiates St. Ailbe from other schools.” — SCHOOL PARENT

“I didn't think we could afford St. Ailbe School, but they worked with me to provide financial assistance that enables our son to attend. A St. Ailbe education is worth more than we could ever pay, and we're so grateful that they've helped us make it work financially.” —PARENT

SUCCESS:

Compassion, kindness, respect, intelligence, creativity, confidence and leadership are all qualities that represent a St. Ailbe student. Because of our commitment to academics, faith formation and partnership with our parents, our students are successful. Our students are well-rounded individuals who succeed in high school, college, and diverse career fields.

- We are proud of the many graduates that have attended the finest high schools in Chicago, including St. Ignatius, Mt. Carmel, Mother McAuley, Whitney Young, De La Salle and Gwendolyn Brooks, to name a few.
- Our alumni often return to St. Ailbe School to tell us how well prepared they were for high school and beyond.
- We are proud that our alumni advance in a wide range of fields including medicine, law, business, education, arts, and sciences.

“I am proud of my Catholic education and who I have become as a result. The Catholic education that I received at St. Ailbe nurtured my faith, gave me direction and support in personal values and morals, and prepared me for my career in medicine.” —GRADUATE & DENTIST