



Owensboro Catholic Schools

Governance Structure

The foundation for the governance structure of the Owensboro Catholic Schools (OCS) is mutual respect and collaboration. Sponsored by 15 Catholic parishes in order to continue the educational ministry of the Catholic Church in Owensboro/Daviess County, Kentucky, OCS is made up of four schools: Owensboro Catholic Elementary K-3 Campus, Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus, Owensboro Catholic Middle School, and Owensboro Catholic High School.

In concert with Canon Law, OCS operates under the jurisdiction of Bishop John McRaith. Appointed by Bishop McRaith, Fr. John Vaughan serves OCS as its canonical administrator or Priest-Pastor. Reporting to the Priest-Pastor, Ken R. Rasp, as Director, is responsible for implementing policy and working with the Principals to fulfill the OCS Mission and Philosophy. He also works in conjunction with Jim Mattingly, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, and the OCS Education Council.

The OCS Education Council is made up of voting members representing each sponsoring parish, a representative of the OCS Pastors, and the Priest-Pastor. Ex-officio members of the board include the Director, the Principals, members of the OCS Central Office Staff, and representatives of each school faculty. Advisory in nature, the Council is consulted on the following:

- The selection and evaluation of the Director
- The development of policies for the operation of OCS
- The implementation of a strategic plan
- The development and evaluation of the OCS operating budget

The OCS Education Council has established standing committees, and appoints ad hoc committees as needs arise, to advise the full board, the Priest-Pastor, and the Director in designing and implementing effective policies.

In all cases, the decision of the Education Council constitutes a recommendation to the Priest-Pastor for approval and enactment. The decision making authority rests with the Priest-Pastor.