



# SACRED HEART ACADEMY

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## Kindergarten Curriculum

Kindergarten students attend school for a full day and must meet the state requirement of being five years old by September 1 of the school year. Class begins at 7:40 and dismisses at 2:40. The curriculum throughout the day is structured to help facilitate the development of the whole child and meets the standards requirement of both the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw as well as our accrediting organization Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools (MANS).

**Reading and Writing:** Students work with the Journeys Reading Program. They also learn letters and their sounds as well as the correct formation of letters. Students keep a journal of writing to show their growth throughout the year. Additionally, literacy is woven into all aspects of the curriculum, and the children have numerous opportunities to apply reading and writing skills throughout the day.

**Math:** Students incorporate math in a variety of aspects throughout the school day. From morning calendar, to hands on manipulatives at daily centers students are continuously engaged in exploring numbers, patterns, and adding and subtracting routines.

**Religion:** Students participate in prayer opportunities, and learn about God's love, Jesus, and special days and celebrations in the Church year. Students are introduced to living the Gospel by helping others through service learning opportunities such as collecting pantry and/or toiletry items for those in need.

**Science:** The SHA STEM lab is a favorite place for Kindergarten students to visit and explore the world of science. Located here on the SHA campus, the STEM lab, along with classroom activities, gives students a place to learn about ecosystems of plants and animals, forces (push/pull), weather and climate as well as foundational engineering problem solving concepts.

**Social studies:** Kindergarteners focus on the development of social skills, as well as learning about various aspects of the community. This includes different jobs in the community, identifying needs and wants along with how needs are met within a community structure. The curriculum is enhanced through field trips and opportunities for dramatic play.

**Learning centers in the classroom help meet the various developmental needs of all students.** These centers utilize materials and strategies organized in a way to promote certain types of learning such as: partner play, hands on tactile experiences, auditory listening experiences, and technology based.

Additionally, students experience weekly specials: computers, music, art, physical education and American Sign Language.

### OUR MISSION

Sacred Heart Academy, a Catholic school founded in 1889, is committed to the mission of Jesus Christ. With our families and faith community, we provide a balanced curriculum to strengthen mind, body, and spirit in order to fulfill God's purpose.

*One Community. One Spirit. One Heart*