

2100 LEVELS OF AFFILIATION

All Catholic schools shall be identified as Level I or Level II affiliates of the Diocese of Joliet.

2110 Level I Affiliation: Diocesan Owned and Operated Schools

Level I Affiliation shall be assigned to a diocesan owned and operated school approved by the Bishop as a “Catholic School.”

2111 Level I Affiliates: Catholic Identity

Level I Affiliate Catholic schools shall adhere to the Catholic identity standards for all Catholic schools.

2112 Level I Affiliates: Accountability

Level I Affiliate Catholic schools shall be accountable to the Catholic Schools Office in accord with all diocesan policies for Catholic schools, including the areas of academic excellence, affordability, accessibility, governance and community.

2113 Level I Affiliates: Types of Schools

Level I Affiliates include the following types of Catholic schools:

A. Parish School

Parish-based school is one school designated for, and managed by, one parish.

B. Regional School

Parish-based regional school is one school designated for, and supported by, multiple parishes according to a formal written agreement with an appointed canonical administrator.

C. Incorporated Regional School

Incorporated regional school is a school serving multiple parishes and incorporated as a separate diocesan corporation with an appointed board of limited jurisdiction.

D. Diocesan High Schools

A diocesan high school is one that is owned and operated by the diocese with leadership and guidance provided by the Superintendent and an appointed advisory board.

2120 Level II Affiliation: Independent Schools

Level II affiliation shall be assigned to an independent school and diocesan schools operated by religious order and recognized by the Bishop as a “Catholic School.”

2121 Level II Affiliates: Catholic Identity

Level II affiliate schools shall adhere to the Catholic Identity Standards for all Catholic schools.

2122 Level II Affiliates: Communion

Level II affiliate schools shall participate in appropriate associations that assist in ensuring effective ecclesial communion, such as the Diocesan High School Principals’ Association and the Joliet Diocesan Principals’ Association.

2123 Level II Affiliates: Governance

Level II affiliate schools shall be responsible for their own internal governance, particularly in the areas of management, affordability and accessibility.

2124 Level II Affiliates: Accountability

Level II affiliate schools shall be responsible for ensuring the academic excellence of their programming and qualifications of their faculties.