

STANDARDS PLUS



What does Standards Plus look like in the classroom?

Standards Plus | At Nativity of Mary School, our goal is to teach beyond the New York State Standards in order to prepare our students for high school and beyond. The faculty at Nativity of Mary School focuses on students' strengths and weaknesses in order to scaffold instruction. They utilize data to drive instruction and to identify gaps and areas of weakness.

Kindergarten

Mrs. Hamilton

In the realm of Kindergarten, a diverse range of abilities greets the children upon entry. My commitment lies in ensuring each child learns and thrives, irrespective of their starting point.

Even as I challenge advanced readers, the entire Kindergarten class is exposed to elevated critical thinking skills. Our collective exploration includes two weekly read-aloud sessions, accommodating even those in the early stages of learning to read. Through collaborative writing and drawing activities, we delve into key details, central ideas, synonyms, antonyms, main ideas, topics, and problem-solving strategies. This shared experience not only familiarizes the children with these advanced concepts but propels them forward as they step into the first grade.

Middle School

Mrs. Peters

I use new material to challenge my students and foster critical thinking.

In Literature, my students are asked to write thoroughly, and they are asked to rewrite to make sure their final product reflects their full effort.

High expectations and holding students accountable is a priority in my classroom.

Grade 3

Mrs. Wellington

I create lesson plans using the standards and strive to make sure each of my students are reaching their full potential using these standards. I then provide additional enrichment activities, in order to go beyond the standards in my teaching.



Grade 1

Mrs. Catanese

I have implemented Standards Plus in my classroom by making sure each student reaches his/her highest academic potential. This is done through an emphasis on quality work, celebration of successes and improvements over time.