



The Rapid City Catholic School System is accredited through the State of South Dakota and AdvancED.

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Final Comments from AdvancED Accreditation Team

“The verbiage from a prayer that Mrs. Honeycutt led at one our meetings stated that it was ordinary time but our work in Catholics schools is anything but ordinary. To be sure, it appears to our team that your work has been even extraordinary.”

“In a school system of any size (like families), we all have our shortcoming, disagreements, etc. But you have established something special – a school that stays true to the values, principles, and teachings of the Catholic faith. That’s what makes you and Catholic schools unique and special.”

Stakeholder Comments from the 2015 Accreditation Visit:

PARENT: *“The teachers love, respect, and appreciate our children.”*

BOARD MEMBER: *“The integrity of our administration and staff is very strong.”*

PARENT: *“We have a partnership in education and faith formation.”*

ADMINISTRATOR: *“We value every single person....every staff member.”*

BOARD MEMBER: *“I consider us to be pro-active rather than re-active.”*

PARENT: *“The strength of our community is the spiritual and educational parts.”*

TEACHER: *“We understand it’s important to be a Christian first, educator second.”*

VOLUNTEER: *“The system has a prayerful spirit.”*

ADMINISTRATOR: *“We’re proud of our schools in the community and state.”*

TEACHER: *“Our biggest challenge is bringing one another to holiness.”*

BOARD MEMBER: *“Our vision can be risky but also fruitful.”*