AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

2025-26 State of the School



Agenda

- Cost of education
- Funding mix
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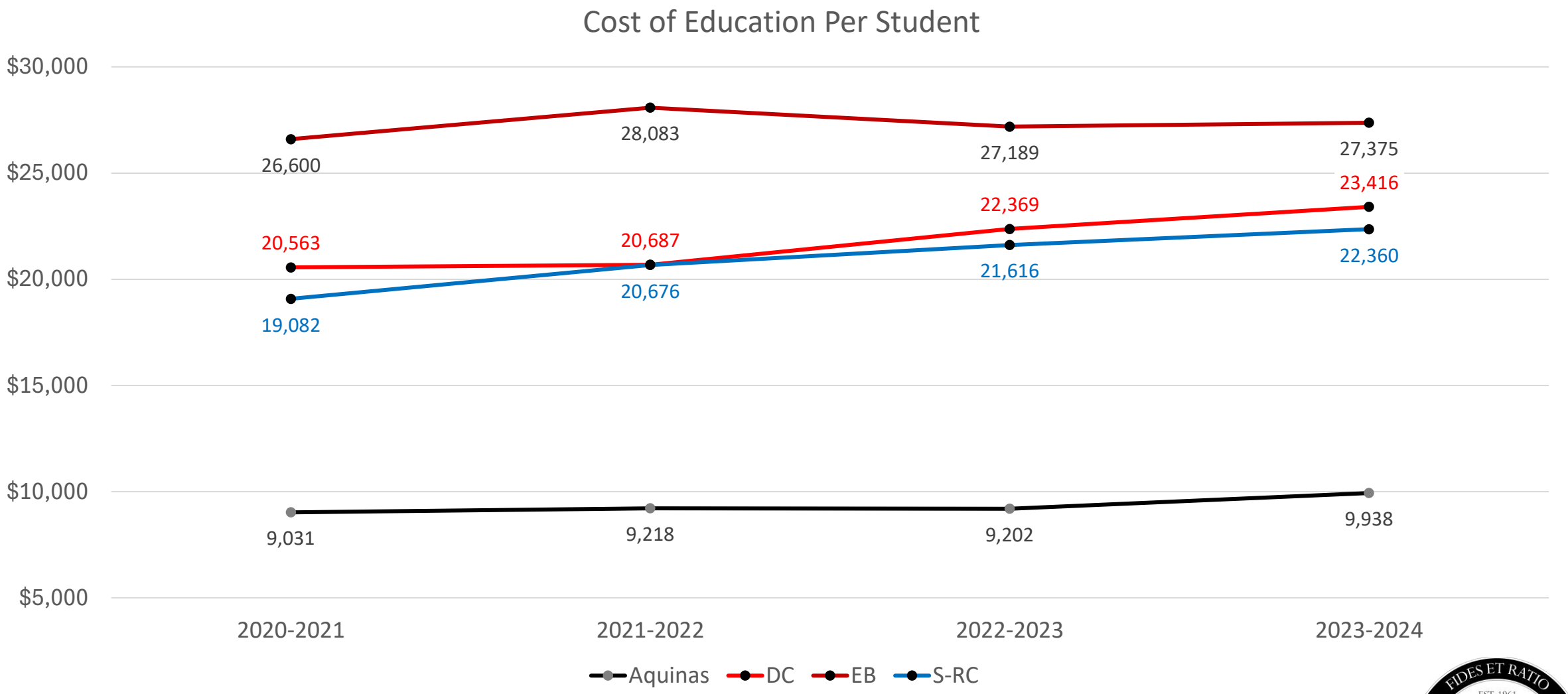
- Scholarships
- Future information


Cost of Education Per Student
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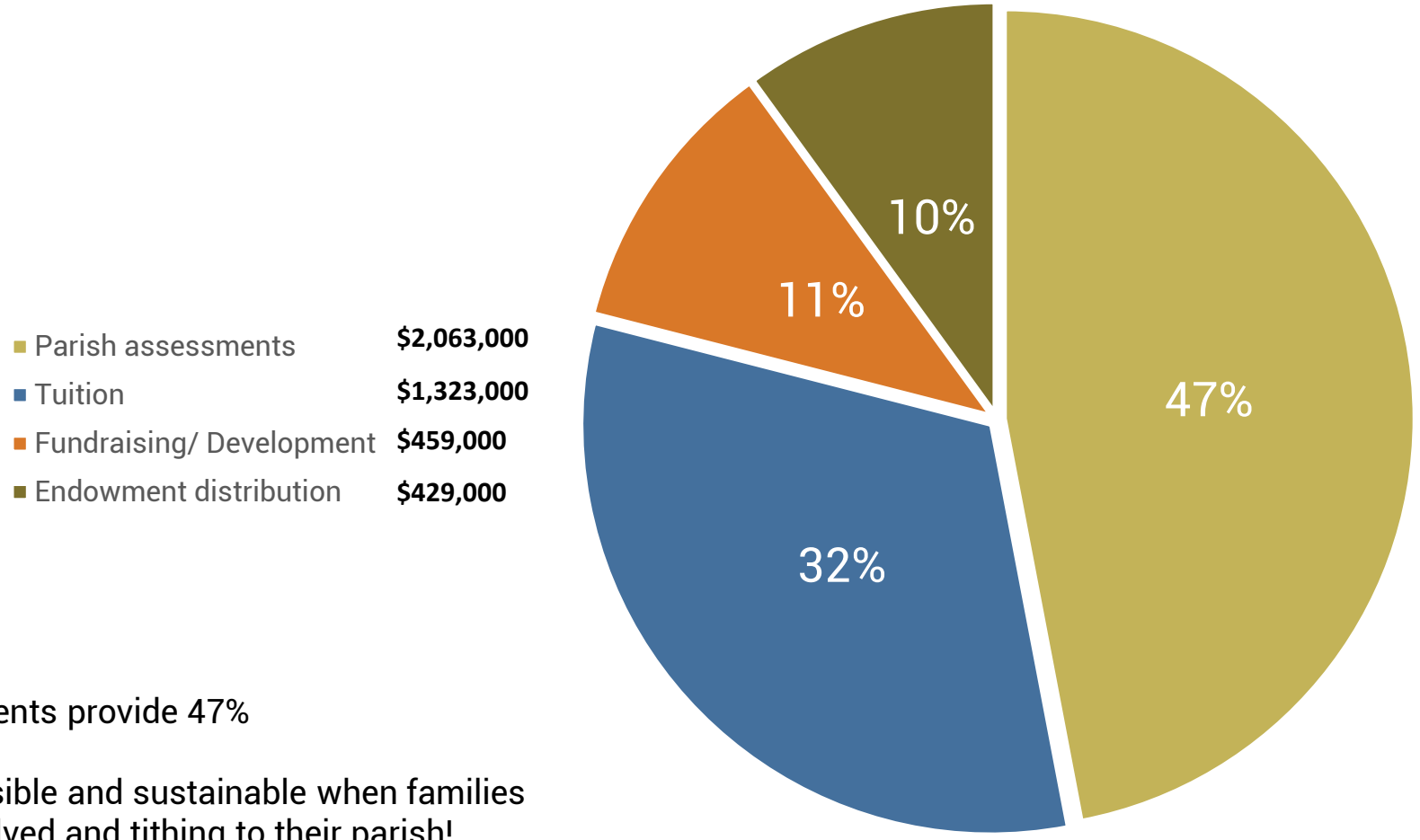
2025-2026 Aquinas Catholic Schools Funding Mix



Parish assessments provide 47%

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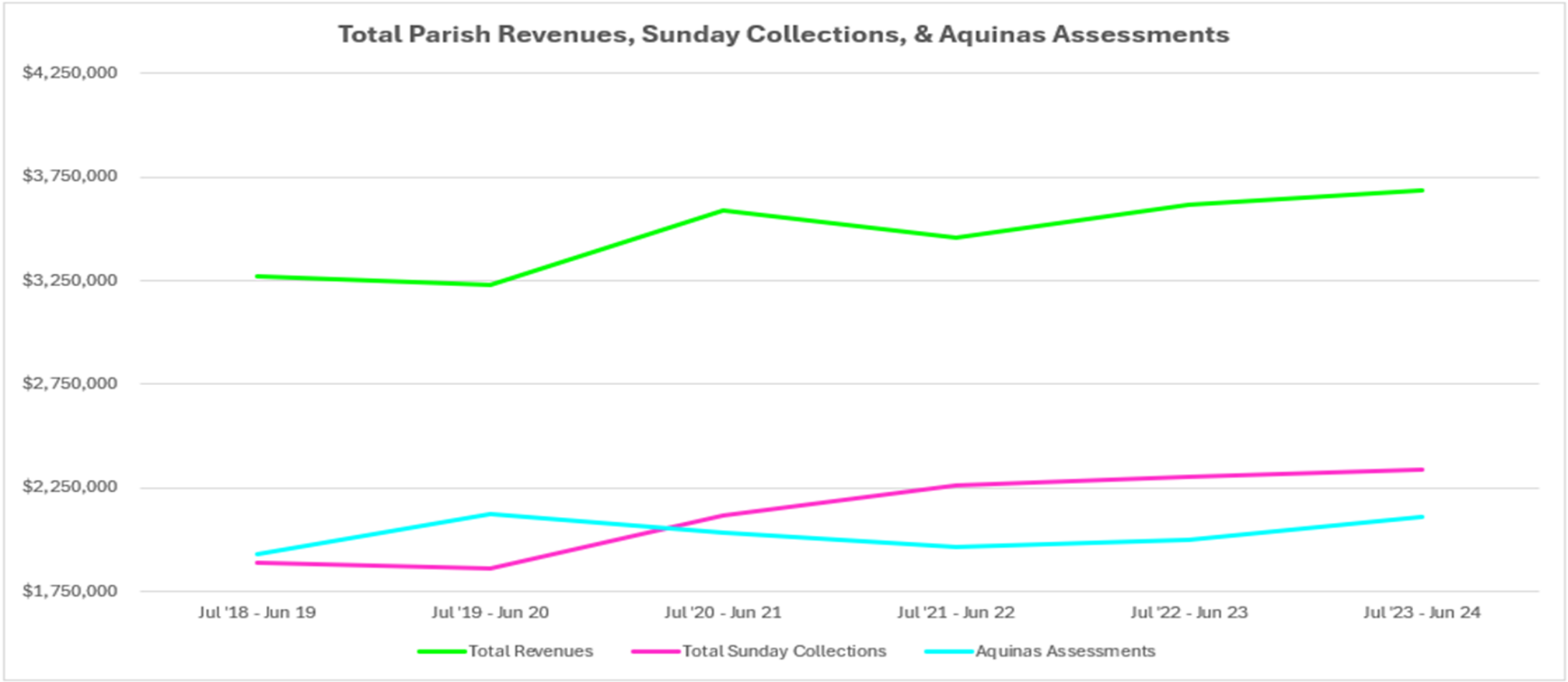
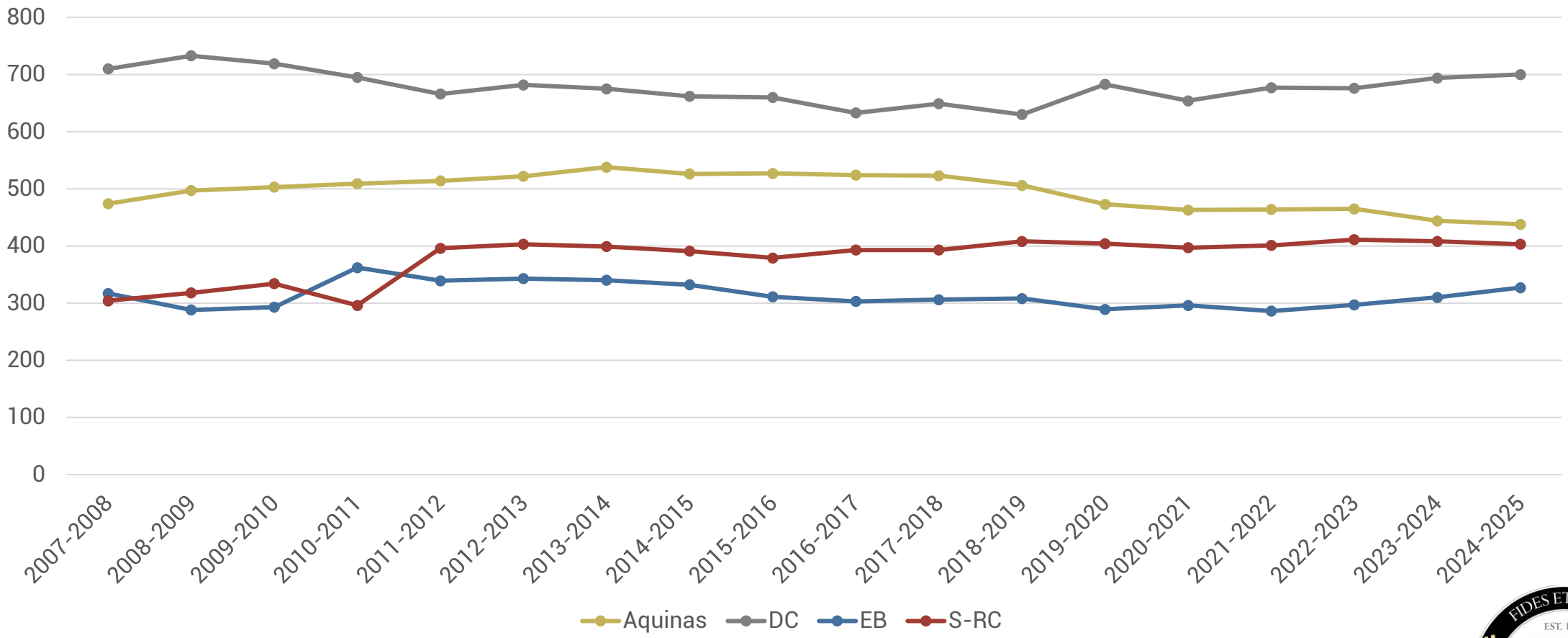
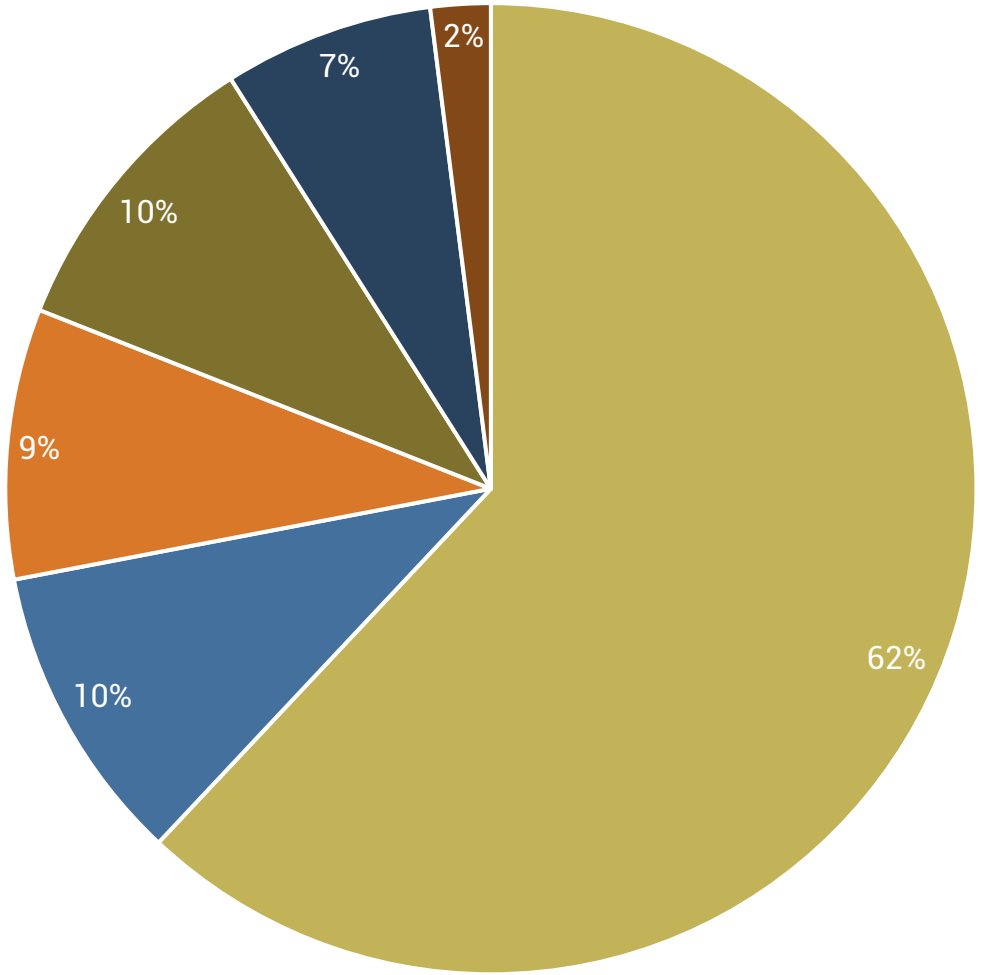


	Jul '18 - Jun 19	Jul '19 - Jun 20	Jul '20 - Jun 21	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Jul '22 - Jun 23	Jul '23 - Jun 24	5 Year Average Annual Increase
Total Revenues	$ 3,273,674	$ 3,231,288	$ 3,588,454	$ 3,461,680	$ 3,616,535	$ 3,685,191	$ 82,303
		-1.3%	11.1%	-3.5%	4.5%	1.9%	2.51%
Total Sunday Collections	1,888,531	1,860,192	2,116,551	2,260,988	2,300,681	2,339,393	$ 90,172
		-1.5%	13.8%	6.8%	1.8%	1.7%	4.77%
Aquinas Assessments	1,932,917	2,122,060	2,034,238	1,967,920	1,998,772	2,112,538	$ 35,924
		9.8%	-4.1%	-3.3%	1.6%	5.7%	1.86%

Enrollment Trends



2025-2026 Aquinas Catholic Schools Cost of Education Mix



Wages	$2,643,000
Health Insurance	$421,000
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	$379,000
Building Costs (R&M, Custodial, Utilites, & Insurance	$406,000
Instructional, School Programs, Technology & Admin. Cost	$332,000
Transporation Expense	$101,000

Aquinas School Financial Report & Budget - 2022-2027
(1% Assessment, 0% Enrollment Change, & 6.5% Tuition Increase)

School Metrics	Actual 2022/2023	Actual 2023/2024	Actual 2024/2025	Budget 2025/2026	Budget 2026/2027
PreK Tuition	1,200	1,275	1,350	1,425	1,500
K-5 Tuition	2,250	2,430	2,502	2,625	2,796
6-8 Tuition	2,998	3,238	3,335	3,500	3,728
9-12 Tuition	3,755	4,055	4,176	4,385	4,670
Tuition Collected Per Student	$1,963	$2,370	$2,984	$3,187	$3,411
# of PreK Students	32	35	43	44	44
# of K-5 Students	187	177	177	168	168
# of 6-8 Students	97	99	97	94	94
# of 9-12 Students	116	115	116	109	109
# of Total Students	432	426	433	415	415
Teacher Starting Base Salary	32,012	32,973	33,959	34,978	36,027
Income	**Actual 2022/2023**	**Actual 2023/2024**	**Actual 2024/2025**	**Budget 2025/2026**	**Budget 2026/2027**
Parish Assessments	1,871,074	2,048,135	2,381,707	2,063,101	2,083,732
Tuition & Fees	848,101	1,009,586	1,292,215	1,322,623	1,415,549
Designated Donations	152,906	142,660	151,989	150,000	154,500
Other Free Will Offerings	61,433	23,311	22,856	40,000	41,200
Organizations	49,781	13,794	(1,985)	17,000	17,510
Distributions (Endowment)	246,748	215,511	276,771	279,400	287,782
Fundraisers	508,135	514,761	433,227	365,000	375,950
Other Revenue Receipts	32,310	25,395	40,349	25,000	25,750
Rental Income	13,348	11,823	12,405	12,260	12,628
Good Shepherd Scholarship	234,100	123,150	209,400	-	-
Total SCHOOL INCOME	4,017,938	4,128,126	4,818,934	4,274,384	4,414,601
Expenses					
Pay & Benefits	2,790,032	2,966,965	3,149,184	3,021,556	3,112,203
Healthcare	520,286	449,371	379,125	421,488	442,562
Administration Expenses	59,550	96,538	87,884	63,800	65,714
Technology	11,506	27,620	181,219	179,190	183,379
Instructional	38,116	45,117	44,965	42,410	43,682
Grant Expenses	11,242	8,000	8,000	12,000	12,360
Library+School Activities+Programs	5,916	1,311	2,579	8,700	8,961
Fundraising Expense	5,840	3,831	1,605	5,000	5,150
Property Costs	186,967	248,531	174,544	218,944	225,512
Utilities	130,603	118,655	126,086	135,000	139,050
Property Insurance	48,959	56,910	61,002	52,000	53,560
Transportation	131,406	119,130	101,803	100,700	103,721
Other Expenses	19,744	10,755	6,155	12,700	13,081
ExtraOrdinary Expense	15,244	80,916	26,043	-	-
Total SCHOOL EXPENSES	3,975,410	4,233,650	4,350,194	4,273,488	4,408,935
Adjusted Net Gain/Loss	42.528	(105.524)	468.740	896	5.666

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OUR NATION'S FIRST FEDERAL SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM

Congress recently passed and the President signed into law the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act". Included in this 870-page budget reconciliation bill is the nation's first federal K-12 school choice program. We are still learning more about this new program, but below you will find notable highlights.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Goes into effect **January 1, 2027**.
- Permanent program in the tax code, **with no sunset or expiration date**
- **No cap** on the total amount of funds that can be raised across the country
- Every state can participate, but **each state must opt-in** through their Governor, legislature, or some other designated governmental person or entity
- Individual taxpayers can receive a **dollar-for-dollar non-refundable tax credit** for contributions to a scholarship granting organization (SGO)
- Individual **taxpayers are capped at $1,700** in tax credits contributions per year
- Individual taxpayers from **any state can contribute to an SGO in Nebraska**,
- Income eligibility for students is up to **300% of median income by area**
- Scholarships can be awarded for **eligible educational expenses** such as tuition, fees, tutoring, special needs services, education technology, books and supplies, room and board, uniforms, transportation, and extended day programs

Good Shepherd Scholarship

- For students from 0-225% of federal poverty level

% Poverty Level 2025-2026	
Family Size	**225%**
2	$45,990
3	$58,095
4	$70,200
5	$82,305
6	$94,410
7	$106,515
8	$118,620
9	$130,725
10	$142,830

Family Tuition Cap Scholarship

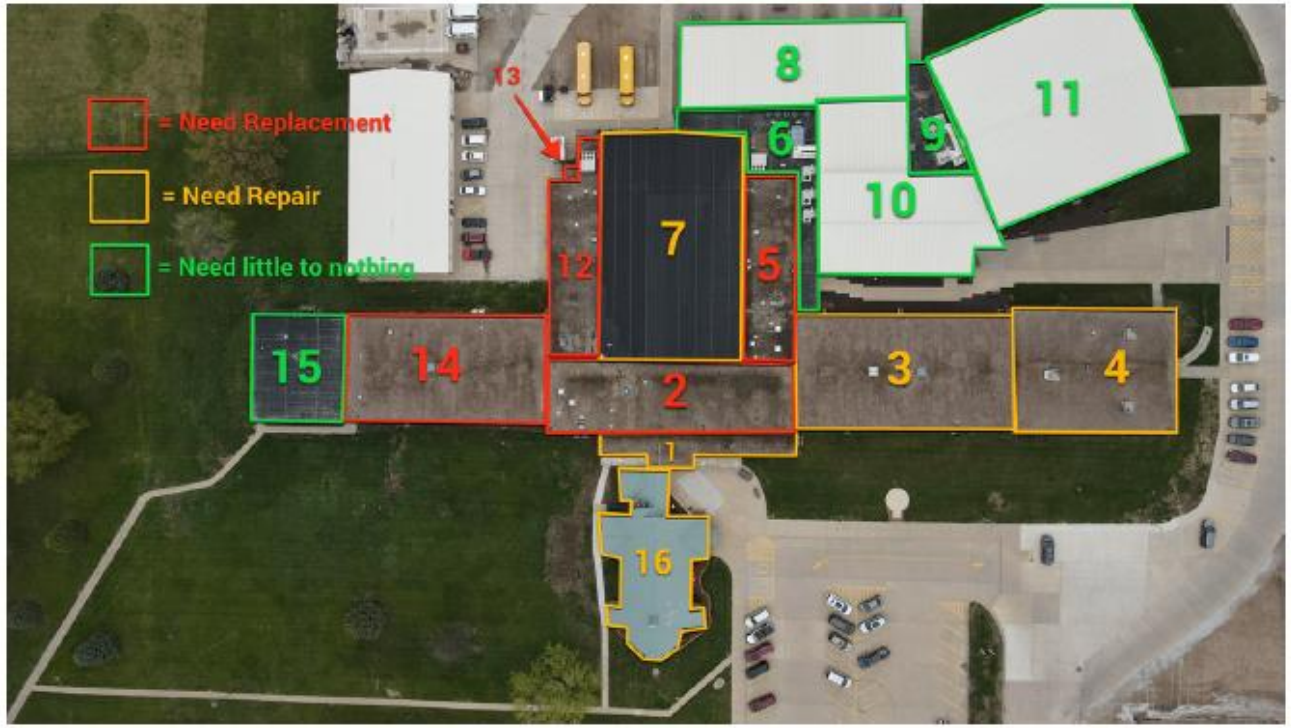
- Families with more than 3 students
  - Pay tuition for 3 oldest students, 4th student is tuition free
- For Good Shepherd, Family Tuition Cap, and Guardian Angel, you ***must*** apply in FACTS ($40 fee) and submit 2023-2024 tax forms
- Application deadline: **MARCH 31st**

Guardian Angel Scholarship

- Families will not have to pay more than 7% of AGI for tuition

Capital Needs
for Aquinas Catholic MS/HS & Elementary

- Roof Repairs
  - Total estimated cost $527,000
  - $225,000 for areas in red
- Electrical on the stage
- Library – carpet, paint, shelving, artwork
- Windows
- HVAC systems
- Kitchen
- MS bathrooms
- Sound system in the north gym
- Lighting in the north gym
- Asbestos Removal and installing new gym floor at elementary
- Carpet in 12 classrooms & Office at elementary



Pillar: Exceptional Learning Environment

PROJECTS

Ag. Ed. Building Renovation Project is in progress with Foreman Lumber, Vandenberg Electric, and Osborn Sales and Service

- Have received project pledges totaling over $130,000 to date with more to come
- Money received above and beyond building costs will go toward equipment, cabinetry, flooring, and curriculum needs

Bringing back the teacher/school Wish List is necessary for obtaining items for our school

- Need to publish the Wish List so that it reaches entire Deanery and not just current supporters
    - Parish bulletin backs, school website, social media, Amazon (QR code)

Continue to explore and encourage students to do internships at local businesses

- Several high school students participated last year with more emphasis on doing so this year

Counselor/students/parents meetings is an on-going goal

- Counselor Mrs. Miriovsky currently meets with students to discuss career paths/goals to determine appropriate class pathway

Student mentors – would be beneficial for new students to have current student mentor for adjustment/acceptance purposes

Pillar: Sacred Catholic Foundation

PROJECTS

Mission & Theme

- Desire to be intentional with prayerful focus each year.
- 2025 theme: *"Unite. In His Heart, We Are One."*

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

- Montessori-based faith formation for youngest students.
- Pre-K weekly; will expand with preschool bi-monthly
- Parent information night in future

Eucharistic Adoration

- **First Friday** adoration school-wide, including Elementary
- Opportunity for community intercessors.
- Additional opportunities in Academy time, confession days & community nights like UNITE night and Sunday of Homecoming

Societies / LIFE Academy

•Revision & rebranding of House system 2024-25

•Building stronger student community and cross-grade mentoring.

•Growing school culture and buy-in, enriching faith and liturgical rhythm

Future Focus: Adult Faith Formation

•Beginning with faculty book (*I Believe in Love*) and faith enrichment with Professional Development days

•Exploring opportunities for parent enrichment and family events

Pillar: Enriching Student Life

PROJECTS

- Pre-season sports/activity meetings for communication
  - Ongoing – Implemented meetings during the 24-25 school year
- School climate and culture survey
  - Ongoing – Surveys given to MS/HS after the 24-25 school year
    - To Do: Assess Data
- Clear parent communication/chain of command
  - Completed – Updated in the Handbook
- Policy and handbook updates aligned with new discipline model
  - Completed – Handbook updated this Summer
    - Will continue to be updated every summer
- Virtue and restorative discipline system
  - Ongoing – Using Boys Town Model
    - Teacher trainings during Summer and Professional Development Days – Starting in 2024
- Enhance Middle School Experience
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    - Intro to Business, Intro into Ag, Into to Family Consumer Science, Spanish
  - Ongoing - Middle School Retreat starting to be established with other schools
- Positive School Culture (Includes recognizing student achievement)
  - Ongoing- Elementary
    - PAWS
    - Student of the Week (specific grade levels)
  - Ongoing- MS/HS
    - Society Groups
    - Frassati Friday's

Pillar: Dynamic Community Partnerships & Communications

PROJECTS

Focus on Marketing, Recruitment, and Parent Communication

Increased communications with parents/staff

- Consolidated social media accounts and usage, increased text message system communication, Unite Night, BOA minutes on website

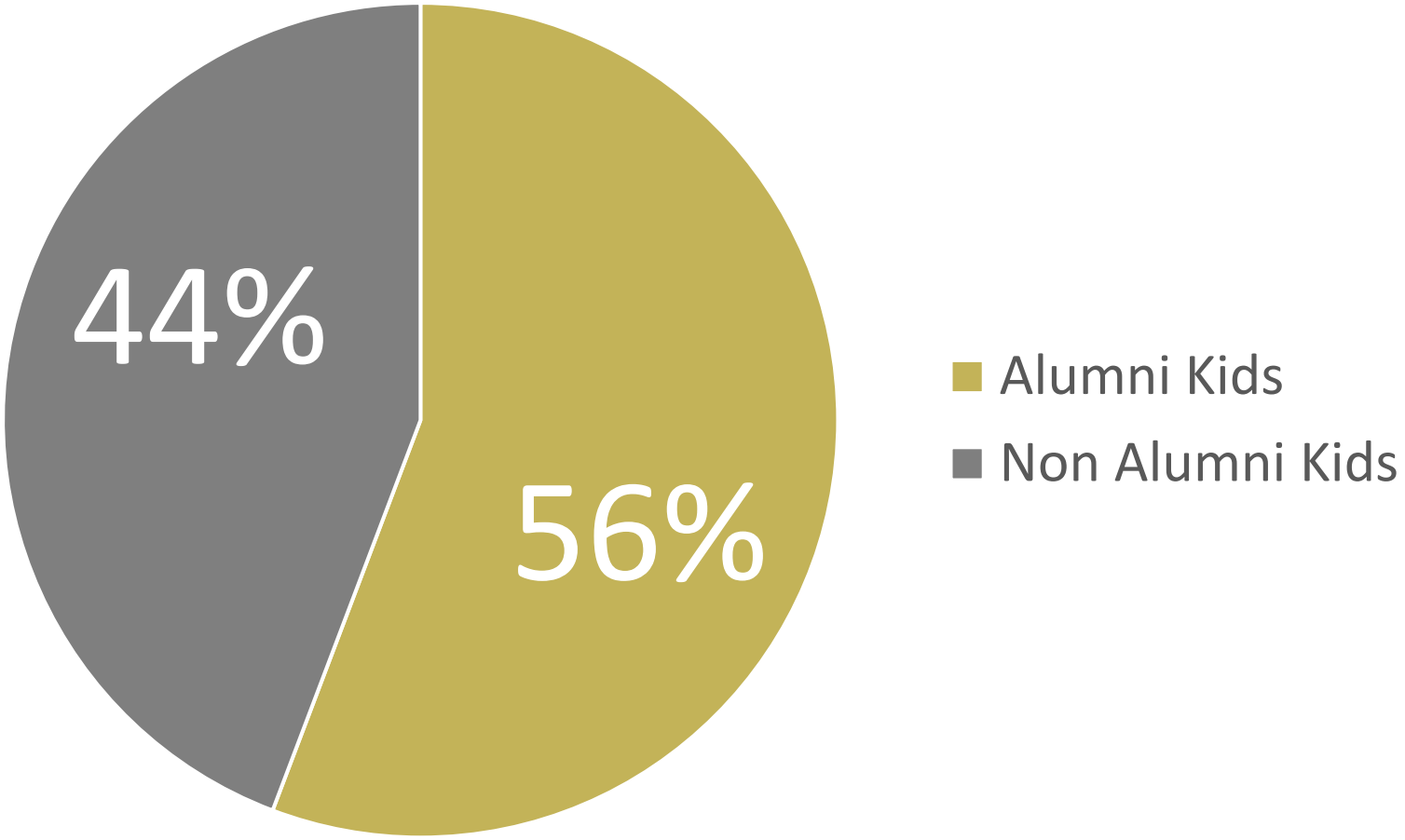
Showcase current students and accomplishments

- Social Media posts, Tri-Fold Pamphlet
- Increase Alumni Engagements
- Increased alumni events, highlight accomplished alumni

Aquinas Promotional Video

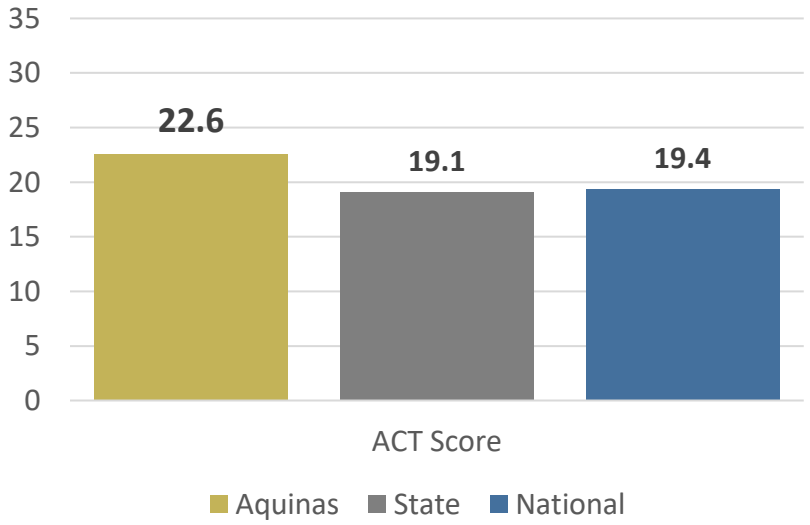
Give back and support our parishes

Students with Alumni Parents



Achievements

- **ACT** 47 students took the ACT in 2024-25
  - *ACT scores range from 0-36



Scores	AQHS Average	Lowest Score	Highest Score
Composite	22.6	15	32
Math	21.9	15	30
Science	22.6	12	33
English	23.0	16	35
Reading	22.8	14	36

- **MAPS Data** 2024-25 was our pilot year for the MAPS Assessments at Aquinas MS/HS. Once more data points are obtained, we will have a more accurate showing of growth and achievement to share

College Credits during High School

- 37 Aquinas students are taking at least one college credit course
  - CCC Early College Entry Enrollment for the 2025-26 School Year

- 14 Students from the Class of 2026 will be graduating with 15+ College Credits
  - This includes dual credit and college credit only courses.

What does this mean?

42% of the Class of 2026 will have at least a semester of college completed BEFORE they set foot on a college campus!

What's New This Year?

- Addition of Middle School Exploratory Courses:
  - Intro to Agriculture | Intro to Business | Intro to Family and Consumer Sciences | Music Appreciation
- Addition to High School Courses:
  - Ag – Work Based Learning – Ag –related work experience done outside of the school building.
  - Senior Seminar – Monday's during Religion (non-graded course)
  - Courseware Courses – Online curriculum/learning platform that offers a wide variety of elective courses AND allows for credit recovery!
- Changes to Graduation Requirements:
  - Personal Finance/Economics is a now a required course taken during Sophomore year.
- MAPS Assessment:
  - 2024-25 was our pilot year for the MAPS Assessments at Aquinas Middle/High School.
  - We will use the data derived from the MAPS assessments to make informed decisions about individual instruction, course descriptions/offerings, and curriculum mapping.
  - MAPS Scores can be used for entrance exam requirements and Accuplacer (course placement) for many colleges.
- All juniors will take the ASVAB – Military placement exam that also serves as a career exploration tool

Thank you for coming!

- Please continue to pray for our schools. Your success is our success!

- There are note cards on the table. Please leave any questions or comments you have for us to look through. We appreciate your feedback!