

General School Information

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The school principal is responsible for the daily operation of St. Paul's Lutheran School and works with the congregation's elected Board of Elementary Education to administer policies of the school. The school is accredited by the National Lutheran School Association and the Indiana District. We are a member of an association of Lutheran schools in the Fort Wayne area, the School Services Organization (SSO), providing network services to all member Lutheran schools.

ACCREDITATION

St. Paul's Lutheran School is an accredited school, having successfully completed the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) process. The NLSA process is governed by the National Accreditation Commission. Several common questions / answers about NLSA are provided below.

Q: What is National Lutheran School Accreditation?

A: National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) is a process of self-evaluation followed by a visit of objective observers designed to help Lutheran schools improve the quality of their programs. The process is completely voluntary and available for every school operated by a single congregation, by an association of congregations, or by a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or the Lutheran Church—Canada. NLSA is a rigorous national accrediting process designed to evaluate schools based on their unique purpose as Lutheran schools. It helps schools evaluate not only the quality of the academics and programs, but also most importantly the spiritual dimension of the school. The ["Standards for Lutheran Schools"](#) and [report forms](#) are similar to those used by other accrediting agencies, both secular and religious.

Q: What are the purposes of National Lutheran School Accreditation?

A: The purposes of NLSA are to: **1.** Help Lutheran schools - early childhood, elementary and secondary - to improve. **2.** Help all Lutheran schools and centers to evaluate themselves based upon their unique purposes and national standards. **3.** Give appropriate recognition to those schools that complete the process successfully.

Q: What are the benefits of NLSA for parents/students in Lutheran schools?

1. NLSA is a process of reaching goals and objectives through stated strategies with dates of completion.
2. Self-study and evaluation, based on a set of national standards, improve the quality of the school.
3. The school gains greater self-respect.
4. The school's public relations and recruitment benefit from awareness people have of the rigorous process successfully completed by the school.
5. Accreditation is a public acknowledgement of quality.
6. National accreditation provides accountability to your community, constituents, and congregation.
7. Accreditation provides evidence of professionalism by the school and its staff and of an objective evaluation by educational professionals not personally involved in the school.
8. It helps the school evaluate and improve its unique ministry as a Lutheran school.
9. NLSA is international in scope, supported by more than 2000 schools.
10. NLSA assures parents who move that a quality Lutheran school exists wherever NLSA accreditation is found.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

St. Paul's Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, and athletic and other school-administered programs. While our purpose and programs are centered on the task of assisting the Christian families and members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in educating their young, we invite all families who value a quality Lutheran Christian education for their children to enroll in our school (church membership is not a prerequisite for enrollment)