

SECTION 5 – STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

5.1 – LEARNING COORDINATOR AND COUNSELING SERVICES

Holy Family School strives to meet the needs of the individual child. The school student services coordinator, counselor, administration, teachers and support staff provide services for the spiritual, emotional, physical, and academic needs of our students. Individual and group conferencing, mediation of conflicts, and class guidance programs are provided to students at Holy Family. Additional services, such as academic interventions, case conferences for special needs, follow-up with teachers, students and parents, and special school assemblies enhance each child’s potential for success and well-being. Counseling support or services are provided for students who qualify through the New Albany-Floyd County Schools Student Services Office. Questions regarding student’s academic, or social-emotional needs should be directed to the Learning Coordinator. Holy Family provides an on-site counselor from St. Elizabeth’s Catholic Charities one day per week to provide individual and small group counseling. Referrals may be made by the principal, classroom teacher, the student or the parent. An initial visit with the counselor does not require parental permission. However, ongoing or long-term counseling would require parental permission.

5.15 – RESPONSE-to-INTERVENTION (RtI)

Holy Family recognizes that students do not all learn at the same level and rate. In addition, some students require more repetition, additional time, remediation or a different presentation to fully comprehend content or master skills. Others need additional training in literacy skills and problems-solving. Through various means, including both classroom and out-of-classroom interventions, teachers and support staff work to bring each child to grade-level performance.

Our Intervention Specialist, Classroom Teachers and Classroom Assistants provide invaluable support to this effort to help all students be successful. Teachers have been trained in differentiated instruction and levels of intervention as well.

5.2 – WELLNESS POLICY

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis a created wellness policy for Archdiocesan schools and Holy Family’s wellness team works to assist parents, students, faculty, and support staff in administering this policy. School and family are expected to work as partners in promoting healthful nutrition, physical activity and healthful lifestyles for ourselves and our students. Drug/Alcohol and tobacco resistance programs are provided at various levels throughout the year.

5.25 – NUT-FREE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Holy Family is sensitive to the growing number of students with serious allergies, the most common of which are peanut or tree nut allergies. Holy Family will endeavor to become a “nut-free” school through policies and protocols that as of this date are still being developed. When this information is available, it will be shared with parents and added to the Parent-Student Handbook.

5.3 – HEALTH SERVICES AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Floyd County Health Department provides annual screening of hearing, vision, and scoliosis/postural defects at various grade levels. In addition, assistance with immunization information and regular immunization dates are available as required. A statement from the Archdiocese regarding the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine is distributed to parents of sixth grade girls. Schools are required to report annually the status of student immunizations.

5.4 – ENGLISH LANGUAGE SURVEY AND WIDA ASSESSMENTS

The State of Indiana requires all parents enrolling a child for the first time into an Indiana public or non-public school to complete an English language survey to determine the primary language used at home. In the event English is the second language, students may be required to complete a WIDA (World-class Instructional Design Assessment). WIDA's mission is to advance academic language development and academic achievement for linguistically diverse students through high quality standards, assessments, research, and professional development for educators. Holy Family students qualifying for this assessment may receive additional English Language support throughout the year.