



LOCAL REPORT CARD - 2023

Shining Star Vision: Our vision is to partner with congregations to offer high-quality, Christian education in a technology-rich, safe environment.

What Makes Us Unique? Shining Star is different from other excellent church-sponsored and private school networks:

- 1) Shining Star takes on the education of children at a parish school, freeing up congregations to minister to children and families.
- 2) Shining Star supports families who desire an alternative learning environment with longer-term access to rigorous education in an online setting. Online programming helps us serve the diverse needs of more students and families into the future.
- 3) Shining Star offers family stipends to support the Christian education of their children. We recognize that parents make sacrifices to provide quality education. The stipend serves as a payment to parents for overseeing online learning and assuring student participation as designed.

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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INSTRUCTIONAL SETTING

- Grades K4-9
- Average campus size: 145 students
- Fully accredited, Christian teachers
- 21st century learning environment:
 - Blended Learning: incorporates both traditional in-person and virtual instruction.
 - Online Learning: remote live-streamed instruction and content are primarily delivered via internet or video-recorded classroom.
- Technology integration
- Relevant course offerings including religious instruction
- Social emotional learning and counseling
- Student attendance and truancy prevention programs
- Safe, secure learning environment

PROGRAM GROWTH

-Shining Star currently partners with 4 congregations to serve over 800 students in all 3 WI Choice Programs (Milwaukee, Racine, Statewide).
-Since 2020, our faith-based initiative has grown 89%, demonstrating our dedication to meeting the diverse needs of students and families.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Girls and Boys Basketball
- Cheerleading and Dance Team
- Soccer and Flag Football
- Track and Field
- Field Trips
- Leadership and Community Service
- Chapel Worship Services

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

-40% of teachers and professional staff have advanced degrees.
-Excellent teacher hiring and retention.
-Technology-rich learning environments allow us to hire and retain the best teachers anywhere in the country.

CEO'S CORNER

To be ready for today's world, students need access to high-quality digital resources, virtual instruction, and technology-enhanced learning. Most importantly, students need to learn about their Savior every day. Shining Star is where choice meets technology and excellence in Christian education.

SCHOOL CULTURE

- Since its founding 10 years ago, Shining Star has provided high-quality, faith-based instruction.
- State Report Card Average Rating: 3-Star "Meets Expectations."
- Since 2020, virtual students have outperformed their peers in traditional brick-and-mortar.
- Parents report high satisfaction with this "new way of learning."
- Student Groups (average):
 - Black or African American: 91%
 - Hispanic or Latino: 5%
 - Economically Disadvantaged: 91%
- Culture of Student Achievement:
 - All programs include synchronous (live) interaction of teachers and students in collaborative learning spaces.
 - It is important that school leadership represent the demographics of the children we serve.