



THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Description The Primary School of the Academy accommodates Pre-Kindergarten through grade four and has an enrollment of about 114 students. Each class in the Primary School has one homeroom teacher for basic disciplines and six additional teachers for enrichment disciplines.

The Primary School offers a nurturing environment for the spiritual, educational, emotional, and developmental needs of young girls. Faculty members seek to inspire a true love of learning in all primary students and to provide them with the stepping-stones they will need for future academic success.

Accreditation and Membership The Academy is accredited by the following organizations:

- Network of Sacred Heart Schools
- Independent Schools Association of the Southwest
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Louisiana State Department of Education

Administration Ms. Mary Burns, Headmistress
Sr. Maureen Little, RSCJ, Head of the Elementary School
Mrs. Mary Claire Trant, Primary School Coordinator

Curriculum Primary students at the Academy receive instruction in the basic disciplines of language arts, mathematics, religion, science, and social studies. At each grade level, the girls receive instruction in the following enrichment disciplines: art/art appreciation, French, music, physical education/ creative movement, guidance, and library skills.

Aside from the regular curriculum, Primary students have the option of taking private piano and English riding lessons.

Co-Curricular Activities

- Liturgy

Catholic faith and practice are a rich, inherent part of the Academy. The entire school celebrates Mass together once a month. For the remainder of the month, the Elementary School celebrates a weekly Liturgy in the chapel. Students are encouraged to participate in the celebration by planning the liturgy and its theme, reading, bringing up gifts in the offertory procession, or playing a musical instrument.

- Field Trips

Field trips are an important component of the curriculum. A variety of experiences fosters the building of both academic and interpersonal skills.

**Entrance
Testing**

Testing for Primary applicants is done on an individual basis and lasts anywhere from thirty minutes to two hours, depending on the grade level. Appointments for testing may be scheduled through the Office of Admission.

**Tours and
Visitation Days**

The Academy welcomes families who are interested in learning more about Sacred Heart education. Individual tours are available by appointment. Applicants are encouraged to visit with their prospective class; limited bus transportation for visiting applicants is available. Visitation days must be scheduled in advance through the Office of Admission.