

St. Pius X High School

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St. Pius X High School earns Cognia Accreditation

FESTUS, MO - COGNIA conducted the St. Pius X accreditation review in January 2022. This review is a highly detailed, data-driven and an all-encompassing examination of school and school system practices. Based on the evidence the review team awarded St. Pius X high marks in standards covering leadership capacity, teaching and learning impact, and resource management.

Each of the 30 standards used to evaluate those three areas are ranked on a four-point scale. A three is the goal for each standard as it shows you are meeting expectations of that standard. A score of four shows exceptional effectiveness, or exceeding expectations, of that standard. Overall St. Pius X received a 4 on 28 of the 30 standards and a 3 on the remaining two standards! St. Pius X received an “Index of Education Quality” score of 365 out of a possible 400, which well exceeds COGNIA’s average score of 278-283 awarded to schools over the past five years.

During the review the Cognia review board analyzed documentation and interviewed teams of teachers, students, parents, and board members. The team found four “themes” during their review of the school. These themes present strengths and opportunities to guide the school’s improvement journey and confirm a higher level of impact on student outcomes. Identified themes are:

- **A strong, supportive culture honors and celebrates a sense of family and community at StPX.**
- **The school is high achieving and is well served by focused professional development of the staff.**
- **St. Pius X intentionally implements a curriculum based on high expectations and supporting the learning needs of all students.**
- **The leadership team and advisory board plan for and are committed to the success of learning in a whole child setting.**

St. Pius X High School administration, teachers, and staff are pleased with the results of this accreditation report that recognized St. Pius X for its strong sense of community, academic excellence, strategic planning, and resource management. The goals moving forward will ensure that the school continues to grow student achievement through high-quality educational opportunities.