

Saint Joseph Catholic School *Focus on Achievement*

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **School Year:** 2016–2017
- **Services:** Professional Development, Assessment/Data Collection & Analysis, Teacher Resources
- **Students Served:** 140
- **Grades Served:** 2–6
- **Assessment:** Evaluate™, TerraNova®

Saint Joseph Catholic School Students Make Significant Gains in TerraNova® Testing

Beginning in spring 2016 and continuing through the 2016–2017 school year, Catapult Learning partnered with Saint Joseph Catholic School to implement Focus on Achievement, an integrated program of formative assessments, professional development, and print and online teacher resources that helped teachers identify challenges and make instructional improvements to increase student achievement. The collaboration resulted in an overall increase in TerraNova® Test Scores in Reading, Language, and Math for grades 3–6.

Program Overview

Catapult Learning began initial classroom observations and introductory professional development workshops in spring 2016, followed by formative assessments to students and ongoing professional development to teachers between October 2016 and May 2017. The Saint Joseph Catholic School program focused on three goals:

- Build culture of continuous improvement where all teachers are committed to routine assessment for learning
- Make focused, meaningful changes in areas that directly affect student academic performance
- Increase overall proficiency rate across grades 2–6 in the areas of Reading and Math

Formative assessments, using Catapult Learning’s Evaluate™ assessment tool, were given to students beginning in October. Professional development programming also began in October, with trainings and coaching delivered throughout the year in a variety of formats: data analysis meetings; instructional workshops; and classroom observation and feedback. Online and print resources were available to teachers to support student data analysis and instructional effectiveness.

Saint Joseph Catholic School Testing Scores Increased Across Reading, Language & Math

Between 2016 and 2017, students in grades 3–6 saw a 3.9-point increase in TerraNova® test scores for Reading, 0.4-point increase in Language test scores, and 2.5-point increase in Math test scores.

