

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

Child abuse can happen anywhere, but recently cases of abuse in schools, both public and private, are rampant in the news. Teachers, coaches, and school employees are having inappropriate relationships with students and some are even sexually abusing students.



With the increasing publicity, parents now more than ever worry that a child molester will sexually abuse their child at school. And with these worries, they rightfully expect that Catholic schools, parochial and private, will do whatever is necessary to keep predators away.

While criminal background checks provide some level of reassurance, only about four percent of molesters have criminal backgrounds. Parents want more—they want proof that organizations aren't simply relying on yesterday's methods.

The Answer

Praesidium Catholic School Accreditation publicly demonstrates that your Catholic school has undergone a rigorous independent assessment and done whatever is necessary to meet the highest industry standards in abuse prevention.

To attain accreditation, you complete a Praesidium Risk Assessment and correct any potential exposures. As soon as you meet the standards, you become Praesidium Accredited for three years. And, during this time, Praesidium makes three on-site visits to help your Catholic school maintain its commitment to safety.

The Benefits

Praesidium Accreditation communicates a fundamental organizational value: that you will not compromise the safety of those in your care—for any reason.

When parents decide to enroll a child in your Catholic school, rest assured that safety will be on their minds. Praesidium Accreditation distinguishes your school and helps them make an informed choice.

Insurance Advantage

When insurance underwriters consider your application, Praesidium Accreditation provides solid proof of adequate risk-management practices. So much so that two of the largest insurance companies in the world look favorably upon Praesidium Accredited organizations. Simply put, Praesidium Accreditation sends the right message, loud and clear.



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