

National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective

Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools

Rubrics for Benchmarks

Standard 12: An excellent Catholic school develops and maintains a facilities, equipment, and technology management plan designed to continuously support the implementation of the educational mission of the school.

Benchmark: 12.2

The school's budget supports facilities, equipment, and technology management with specific funds for capital improvements, depreciation, and replacement.

Level 4 Exceeds Benchmark	The school's budget presents an integrated and detailed approach to accounting for facilities, equipment and technology spending, following generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Appropriate use of depreciation and equipment cost projection gives stakeholders and school leaders a realistic understanding of current values and expected costs associated with school assets, enables effective long-term planning and prevents sudden, unexpected expenses. Plans are compared to facilities, equipment and technology plans at other similar schools in order to incorporate best practices and ensure completeness.
Level 3 Fully Meets Benchmark	The school's budget supports facilities, equipment, and technology management with specific funds for capital improvements, depreciation, and replacement.
Level 2 Partially Meets Benchmark	The school's budget supports facilities, equipment, and technology management in a general way, providing something for unexpected costs but not aligning those funds to specific capital improvements or expected replacement costs.
Level 1 Does Not Meet Benchmark	The school does not have a formal budget, or the budget does not include line items to support facilities, equipment and technology, or the budget does not include funds for capital improvements, depreciation, or equipment replacement.
Possible Sources of Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School budgets, current and recent past• School financial plans, including projected budget• Facilities, equipment and technology plan• Current asset assessments (value, ages, deferred maintenance, etc.)• Comparison to best practices in other similar institutions