



Educate for Adaptation and Change

Educate to shape the future



“New times call for new methods,” Blessed Chaminade said. The Marianist school faces the future calmly, balancing acceptance and adaptation. We accept change in faith, at the same time responding through strategic planning based on Marianist pedagogy and Christian wisdom. For example, fulfilling the school’s mission in changing times requires that school personnel employ new kinds of learning and new technologies to enhance their administration and teaching. Our intention is not acquiescence to the future but the hope-filled shaping of it. We encourage the same attitude in our students, educating them to be bearers of the best of our tradition, and to meet change actively with discernment and reflection. We view the signs of our times in faith, prayerfully open to their possibilities.

Educate persons to accept and respect differences in a pluralistic society

As the people of the world come increasingly into contact with one another, differences among them become more apparent. If the world of the future is to be peaceful, students of today must learn how to appreciate cultural differences and how to work with people very unlike themselves. To this end, we cultivate in our students both skill and virtue: the skills required for dialogue consensus, and teamwork depend on the virtues of loving acceptance of others and faithful dedication to a collaborative, honest, and hopeful search for the truth.

Develop critical thinking skills in the search for truth

To foster the search for truth, the Marianist school encourages integration among the academic disciplines and cooperation among academic departments. Wise teachers and administrators, bearing witness with common sense and practical skills, work together to achieve these goals. In schools thus harmoniously organized, we teach our students to see how Marianist habits of reflection can help them to follow an argument and understand another’s point of view as well as how to evaluate alternatives, to judge prudently, and choose responsibly.

“Do whatever he tells you.” Be available and respond to the signs of the times



In Mary’s *fiat*, we see her openness to the signs of her times, her “yes” to the mystery of the future. In her counsel at Cana to “Do whatever he tells you,” we hear Mary urging us today

to be equally available to God's call. The Marianist school, itself a communal learner, discerns what present needs call for, open to adapting Marianist pedagogy as needed in the service of our mission.