



FIRE IS SPREADING

The FIRE Foundation is an independent 501(c) organization. We are proud to share our model for supporting inclusive Catholic education with our affiliate partners.

- FIRE Foundation (EST. 1996 IN KANSAS CITY)
- FIRE Foundation of Northeast Iowa (EST. 2016)
- FIRE Foundation of Greater Chicago (EST. 2018)
- FIRE Foundation of Central Illinois (EST. 2019)
- FIRE Foundation of Dallas (EST. 2019)
- FIRE Foundation of New Hampshire (EST. 2019)
- FIRE Foundation of Northwest Indiana (EST. 2019)
- FIRE Foundation of Northwest Iowa (EST. 2021)



LIGHTING THE WAY FOR OUR KIDS.

- Bishop Heelan High School
- Holy Cross Elementary and Middle Schools
- LeMars Gehlen Catholic Elementary School
- LeMars Gehlen Catholic High School
- Mater Dei Elementary and Middle Schools
- Sacred Heart Elementary and Middle Schools

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FOUNDATION

Northwest Iowa

Igniting Inclusive Catholic Education

OUR MISSION

To provide children with special needs the opportunity for an inclusive Catholic education in the Catholic schools they attend.

An education in the fullness of humanity should be the defining feature of Catholic schools. An inclusive education finds a place for all and does not select in an elitist way the beneficiaries of its efforts.”
– Pope Francis

WHO BENEFITS FROM FIRE? (Foundation for Inclusive Religious Education)

In a word – EVERYONE! Some disabilities are visible. Others are not. Some students require additional support daily. Others need assistance only occasionally. What matters most is that students have access to support when they need it. FIRE helps schools provide resources and support so students can succeed and make progress toward goals. Inclusion makes learning better for ALL students and provides a perfect opportunity for living our Catholic faith daily.



The FIRE Foundation of Northwest Iowa can open doors of opportunity for students and shape the hearts of the next generation.

- Increase awareness of and advocacy for the importance of inclusive education for children with special needs.
- Provide development opportunities for educators to embrace an inclusive philosophy.
- Provide funding for paraprofessional support.
- Provide funding for technology to support inclusive education.

100% of your gifts will be used to facilitate the achievement of these goals.



FIRE OPENS DOORS. AND HEARTS.

Can you imagine the heartache of being told your parish school was not able to welcome your child with special needs?

Lack of resources is often cited as a reason for turning away students with disabilities. It shouldn't be that way at Catholic schools.

The FIRE Foundation help schools create learning environments where students with special needs learn, grow and thrive alongside their typically developing peers. Through fundraising and advocacy, FIRE lights the way for children with a range of disabilities to share in the opportunities that Catholic schools provide. Inclusive education fosters a culture of acceptance and compassion where ALL students grow together in faith, knowledge and friendship.

During this unprecedented and unpredictable period, educators are re-imagining and reorganizing the delivery of education. Now, more than ever, it is particularly important to focus on the unique needs of students who need additional support. FIRE will be steadfast in its efforts to raise critical funds for staff, curriculum and online programs and interventions that help students meet their learning goals.

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