

S.P.I.C.E. Frequently Asked Questions

What is S.P.I.C.E.?

Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE) is a funding program developed to address the wide variety of student learning needs within our parish learning community. This includes the needs of our typical, developmental and accelerated learners in our parish and school. **SPICE** serves as a means to raise funds and support the educational process and parish life in whatever area deemed necessary by our pastor, principals.

Do only children with special need's benefit from SPICE?

All children in the school and/or parish community may potentially benefit from SPICE funds.. One of SPICE's goals is to assist in funding programs that will benefit every student such as the 2013 Summer Tutoring Program. SPICE funds were also used to purchase Orton-Gillingham training for two teachers. SPICE funds were also used to purchase assistive listening devices for the hearing impaired for use during Mass. SPICE is also committed in providing funding for personal development of our teachers, catechists and staff at St Andrew parish and school

Will S.P.I.C.E. make St. Andrew School a special needs school?

SPICE funding program was established to help St. Andrew meet the needs of all our parish children, from students that are gifted to students with organizational deficits or students who have other, more severe roadblocks to successful learning. It is our hope that SPICE will bring awareness and acceptance of all children in our parish, as well as serve as a model for other parishes.

Why do we need S.P.I.C.E.?

This question is best answered by another question. Why didn't God make us all the same? Does everyone have the same needs and learning styles, and should we ignore those with special needs? Our parish is an extension of the family, the basic unit of the Catholic Church. Just as parents try to do all they can for all of their children, so does St. Andrew for all its member's.

Can SPICE meet all of the student's special needs?

Through the SPICE funding program, St. Andrew is committed to try our best to meet the needs of all its parishioners involved in our educational programming. We acknowledge that everyone has different learning styles and needs. As a Catholic institution, we are committed to address the needs of all of our students both spiritually and academically.

Are there other schools in the Diocese that have SPICE?

Yes! There are multiple parishes in the diocese that offer SPICE funding programs. St Catharine, St Brigid, St Cecilia, St Timothy, St Mary-Delaware, St Brendan, St Matthew and St Andrew.

What is the future of SPICE?

SPICE has the complete support of the Diocesan Vicar of Education, our Pastor, School Principal, Vice Principal and Director of Religious Education. Our committee meets every month with the Parish, School and PSR to discuss their needs and assist in fulfilling them. SPICE will be an ongoing effort in our parish, both in its fund raising and awareness efforts.

How can I help?

Your prayers, your time as a volunteer, and your financial support are all equally needed for the success of the SPICE program. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office, any Advisory Board member or the Chair person Brenda Lombardi at Brenda.lombardi@yahoo.com

If you'd like to donate, please make your tax-deductible check out to St. Andrew SPICE and mail to:

St. Andrew Parish c/o SPICE,

1899 McCoy Road, Columbus Ohio 43220

Who do I contact if I have a child that would benefit from SPICE funds?

Begin with the school principal, assistant principal or parish priest. The SPICE advisory group members will both advise and assist the principal and/or parish priest in raising funds.

Advisory Board members include: Joel Wichtman, Suzie Emsweller, Brenda Lombardi, Jennie Statczar, Jenny Fusco, Jen Wenzke, Maryann Heffernan, Clare Duross, Jessica Eckhart, Katie Lombardi, Matt Lombardi, Becky Hetteberg, Nancy Matre, Jennifer Wallace, and Elyse Hinze

Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission of providing a Catholic education for all children