

Program Overview:

Our program is designed to develop the students from the preschool level through high school so that upon graduation they may lead a healthy, active lifestyle.

The program emphasizes physical fitness, motor development and sports skills, as well as individual and team activities.



Highlight of the Program:

The highlight of the program is the Annual Physical Education & Sports Demonstration (gym show) held every March. Students from preschool to high school participate in various activities in the show, which is performed for the entire school, parents and outside organizations. Activities cover selected aspects of the curriculum as well as highlights of our sports teams.



Mission Statement

St. Mary's School for the Deaf is committed to providing equitable access to exemplary educational programs that prepare deaf students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who are productive members of society.

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Physical Education Program:

At St. Mary's School for the Deaf, we believe all students should have the opportunity to develop their mental and physical potential. Physical Education is a paramount phase of the total education plan for our students. Proper planning that includes broad goals with specific objectives subject to regular evaluation will facilitate the total growth of each student. In addition, the National Standards as well as the New York State Learning Standards for Physical Education will be incorporated to enhance our students levels of performance.



Team Sports:

At the high school level, we offer many opportunities for students to be a part of the team. Listed below are our team sports:

Boys: Soccer (fall)
Basketball (winter)
Track & Field (spring)
Girls: Volleyball (fall)
Basketball (winter)
Track & Field (spring)

Our teams participate in the Independent Athletic Conference (IAC) and Niagara Frontier Christian Athletic Association (NFCAA).

We are also members of the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) and National Deaf Interscholastic Athletic Association (NDIAA). Every sport has the opportunity to travel to a Deaf Tournament at the end of the season.



Elementary Co-Ed Sports:

At SMSD, we offer co-ed sports for our elementary students in soccer, basketball, and track and field. The program focuses on teamwork and learning the sport. Games are played against other local schools. The main focus is to develop individual and team skills. We also conduct an intramural sports program with this age group.



About St. Mary's School for the Deaf

St. Mary's School for the Deaf (SMSD) is a private, state-supported school that serves deaf and hard of hearing children from infancy through age 21. There is no tuition charge for New York State residents. SMSD has been the primary source of quality education utilizing the full spectrum of communication modes since 1853.