

## 2021 Spring ITBS SCORES - Grade Equivalency (GE)

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) are national achievement tests that assess students' skills in Reading, Language, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. The ITBS assesses both foundational skills and higher-order thinking skills and provide national and local comparisons. The ITBS test is a norm-referenced test and includes material both below and well above the grade level being tested. The ITBS compares our students to students across the United States; the 50th percentile is considered average.

The charts below represent the grade level average for the core content areas, Math, Reading and Language Skills. Our class average scores are compared to the class average scores for all the K-8 schools in the diocese. Students took the test in the eighth month of the year (testing age of 1.8 means 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> month). A grade equivalent score of 2.4 means the child tested as a typical student in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> month. Students tested in the 8 month this school year (1.8, 2.8, etc.).

You can see that the average grade equivalency increases as students progress through each grade level. This is a trend across Catholic schools. In comparison, the public school trend is a flattening of achievement in middle school grades.

<b>READING Test Age</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> 1.8</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 2.8</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> 3.8</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> 4.8</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> 5.8</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> 6.8</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> 7.8</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> 8.8</b>
ACS avg. GE	2.3	2.9	4.1	5.6	6.7	7.9	9.9	13+
Diocesan avg.GE	2.0	2.9	3.9	5.0	6.1	7.0	8.7	10.1

<b>ELA TOTAL</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>
ACS avg. GE	2.2	3.1	4.4	5.6	7.2	9.4	11.7	13+
Diocesan avg.GE	1.9	2.9	4.1	4.8	6.5	7.5	9.5	10.9

<b>MATH TOTAL</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>
ACS avg. GE	2.1	3.4	4.5	5.0	7.1	7.8	9.3	11.7
Diocesan avg.GE	1.9	3.0	3.9	4.8	6.2	6.8	8.5	9.9

<b>CORE COMPOSITE</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>
ACS avg. GE	2.1	3.2	4.3	5.3	7.1	8.4	10.2	13+
Diocesan avg.GE	1.9	2.9	3.9	5.0	6.2	6.8	8.9	10.3

<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>
ACS avg. GE	2.2	3.9	4.4	6.3	6.7	7.5	9.7	13+
Diocesan avg.GE	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>
ACS avg. GE	2.3	3.9	4.2	6.3	6.9	8.5	10.1	13+
Diocesan avg.GE	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

<b>COMPLETE COMPOSITE</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>
ACS avg. GE	2.2	3.4	4.4	5.6	7.0	8.2	10.2	13+
Diocesan avg.GE	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

\* Scores not available