

Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education

During the 2005-2006 school year, the Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education (ACRE) was given to fifth, eighth and twelfth graders in all diocesan schools. The following chart presents the **Diocesan Average (DOY)** on each domain as compared to the **National Average (NA)**.

5th Grade

DOMAIN	DOY	NA
DOMAIN 1: God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit	85	82
DOMAIN 2: Church-One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic	81	74
DOMAIN 3: Liturgy and the Sacraments	80	70
DOMAIN 4: Revelation, Scripture and Faith	83	80
DOMAIN 5: Life in Christ-Personal Morality & Catholic Social Teaching	68	63
DOMAIN 6: Church History	65	60
DOMAIN 7: Prayer/Religious Practices	73	65
DOMAIN 8: Catholic Faith Literacy	82	74
OVERALL DOMAIN SUMMARY	77.7	71.4

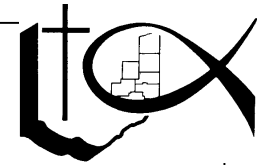
8th Grade

DOMAIN	DOY	NA
DOMAIN 1: God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit	83	79
DOMAIN 2: Church-One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic	77	71
DOMAIN 3: Liturgy and the Sacraments	75	69
DOMAIN 4: Revelation, Scripture and Faith	80	75
DOMAIN 5: Life in Christ-Personal Morality & Catholic Social Teaching	80	77
DOMAIN 6: Church History	67	58
DOMAIN 7: Prayer/Religious Practices	80	72
DOMAIN 8: Catholic Faith Literacy	71	66
OVERALL DOMAIN SUMMARY	76.8	71.2

12th Grade

DOMAIN	DOY	NA
DOMAIN 1: God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit	79	79
DOMAIN 2: Church-One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic	81	81
DOMAIN 3: Liturgy and the Sacraments	76	76
DOMAIN 4: Revelation, Scripture and Faith	64	61
DOMAIN 5: Life in Christ-Personal Morality & Catholic Social Teaching	65	64
DOMAIN 6: Church History	61	61
DOMAIN 7: Prayer/Religious Practices	77	76
DOMAIN 8: Catholic Faith Literacy	69	68
OVERALL DOMAIN SUMMARY	71.3	70.8

Diocese of Youngstown 2006



Catholic Schools' Report Card

The Diocese of Youngstown issues this report to provide accountability for its educational program. The results of one state and two national testing programs are detailed: the *Ohio Graduation Tests*, the *Iowa Tests of Basic Skills*, and the *Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education (ACRE)*. The results of these tests are used by the Diocese and the individual schools to identify areas of strength and areas where improvement is needed. This engages schools in strengthening their Catholic identity and improving the conditions for student learning.

The Diocesan schools are required to administer the *Ohio Graduation Tests*. These tests cover the areas of social studies, mathematics, reading, writing and science. For reporting purposes, the performance of tenth and eleventh graders on the Ohio Graduation Tests are reported. In addition, the Diocesan attendance rate for all schools and the Diocesan high school graduation rates are provided.

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills is a collection of standardized tests for several subject areas. The tests are national and are taken by public, private and parochial students. In the Diocese of Youngstown, the tests are given annually in the Spring. Results are reported for students in Kindergarten through seventh grade. The purpose of these tests is to provide information that will be used to improve instruction.

The mission of the Catholic schools is to foster the formation of its students in the Catholic Faith. Catholic identity and spirituality are at the heart of the school. To assist the schools in assessing student growth in religious development, all Diocesan schools give the *Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education (ACRE)* to students in grades five, eight and twelve. The scores listed in this report reflect the performance of both Catholic and Non-Catholic students on the Faith Knowledge section of the ACRE. Scores are reported in terms of the average percent correct for the group on the questions in each area or domain.

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Ohio Graduation Tests Report

**Diocesan Schools Exceed All Applicable Standards
Information is from 2005-2006 School Year**

Percentage of students who must score at or above the Proficient level to meet the State Standard is 75%.

10 th Grade	Subject	Average for Diocesan High Schools	State Average for Public High Schools
	Reading	99.0	89.4
	Math	95.4	82.7
	Writing	98.3	88.0
	Science	88.8	73.1
	Social Studies	94.0	79.5

Percentage of students who must score at or above the Proficient level to meet the State Standard is 85%.

11 th Grade *	Subject	Average for Diocesan High Schools*	State Average for Public High Schools*
	Reading	99.4	93.7
	Math	97.6	88.9
	Writing	99.2	91.9
	Science	94.6	82.8
	Social Studies	97.4	86.4

*Results for 11th-grade students who took the test as 10th & 11th-graders

Percentage that must be met to meet the State Standard for the Attendance Rate is 93%.

***The Diocesan Schools Attendance Rate is
96.5%.***

Percentage that must be met to meet the State Standard for the High School Graduation Rate is 90%.

***The Diocesan High School Graduation Rate is
99.5%.***

IOWA Tests of Basic Skills Report

**Diocesan Averages – National Student Norms
Based on Testing in Spring, 2006**

The scores below are listed in percentiles. The percentile score indicates the performance of the typical diocesan student in relation to other students, nationally, in the same grade. For example, the diocesan average for grade 1 in Reading was 76. This means that the typical diocesan first grade student in Reading scored as well as or better than 76 out of every 100 students nationally based on the national norms.

Diocesan Student Performance

Grade	Reading	Language	Math	Composite
K	N/A	84	80	N/A
1	79	80	80	N/A
2	78	78	75	N/A
3	75	77	73	79
4	77	79	76	78
5	75	78	76	77
6	69	74	71	73
7	73	74	73	74

N/A –Non Applicable: Students in these grades do not take the complete battery of tests so a composite score is not available.

Facts about Catholic Schools in the Diocese Based on the 2005-2006 School Year

	Schools:	6	High Schools (9-12)
		40	Elementary Schools (K-8)
	Professional Staff:	193	High School (9-12)
		572	Elementary Schools (K-8)
	Students:	2,439	High School (9-12)
		7,716	Elementary School (K-8)
		611	Preschool