

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Reading Scores At or Above Grade Level for Minority Students attending Catholic Schools

In the winter of 2006, archdiocesan Catholic school students in the elementary schools took the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) to determine grade level learning in various areas such as Vocabulary, Reading, Spelling, Math, Social Studies, and Science. Emphasis on the Catholic schools core curriculum that takes place during the “primary” grade levels (1-5) is critical. Reading is a basic skill that continues to deepen the investment families make for their student’s academic success.

As the graphic at the right depicts, **the three major ethnic student categories scored at or above grade level** on the ITBS Reading subtest. For example, the average reading level of students in the second grade at testing time should be 2.5. The graph depicts:

- Hispanic students = 2.8
- Asian students = 3.5
- African American students = 3.1

The Archdiocese of Denver’s Catholic Schools are an investment in the future of our children and our Catholic faith.

