



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF KANSAS CITY ~ ST. JOSEPH

# BACKGROUND

CATHOLIC IDENTITY ~ ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ~ MORAL LIFE

## OUR SCHOOLS

For over 171 years, our schools have served communities across the Diocese.

### Accreditation

8 Early Childhood Centers  
National Association for the Education of the Young Child (NAEYC)

30 Elementary Schools  
North Central Association  
National Federation of Nonpublic Schools

8 Secondary Schools  
North Central Association and other recognized accrediting organizations

**TOTAL  
ENROLLMENT  
12,483**

*EARLY  
CHILDHOOD* 1,764

*ELEMENTARY  
STUDENTS* 7,124

*SECONDARY  
STUDENTS* 3,591

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

The entire Catholic community takes pride in our schools' commitment to educating about others' needs. Although shelters, food pantries and the infirm benefit from such service, the *true* beneficiaries are our students.

<b>Total Service Hours</b>	<b>115,962</b>
Elementary Schools ~ Community Service Hours	63,352
Secondary Schools ~ Community Service Hours	52,610

**DEDICATED  
FACULTY  
1,067**

*ADVANCED  
DEGREES* 42%

*15 YEARS  
SERVICE* 18%

*25 YEARS  
SERVICE* 11%

## DIVERSITY

Diverse cultural, ethnic and racial backgrounds are represented in Catholic schools. With 15% of current students belonging to other faith communities, students learn an awareness of and appreciation for the beliefs of others.

<b>Faith Background</b>	
Catholic	85%
Non-Catholic	15%
<b>Race &amp; Ethnicity</b>	
European ~ American	80%
African ~ American	5%
Latino	9%
Asian ~ Pacific Islander	3%
Other	3%



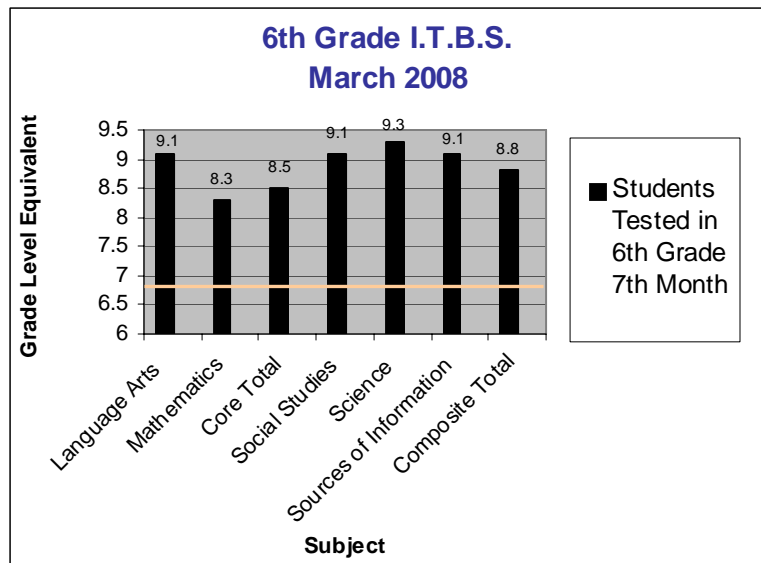
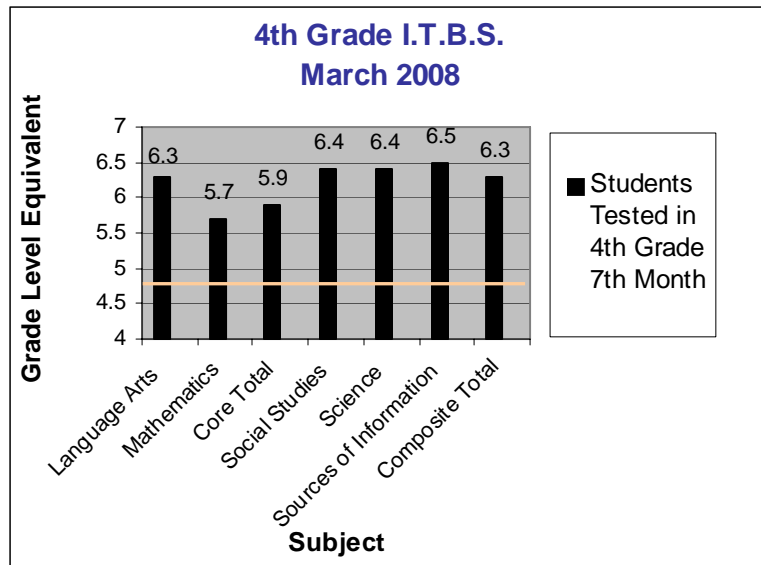
# WE MEASURE UP

## Iowa Tests of Basic Skills

The **Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)** are national standardized tests administered annually in the Diocese. The tests offer one measurement of progress. While some of our schools test students at each grade level, ITBS is required for all 4th and 6th grade students. The charts below demonstrate that our students are testing significantly above grade level.



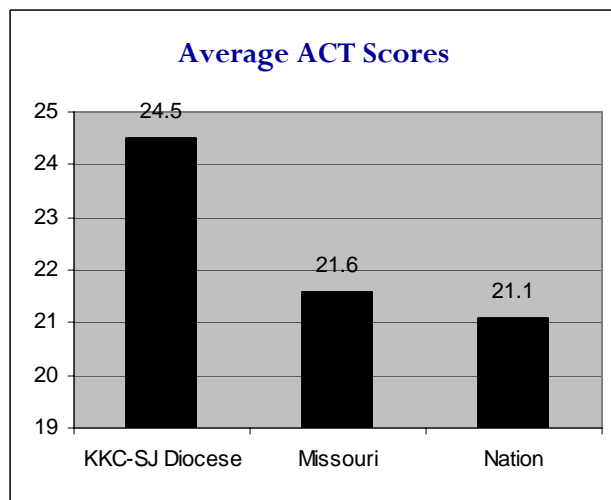
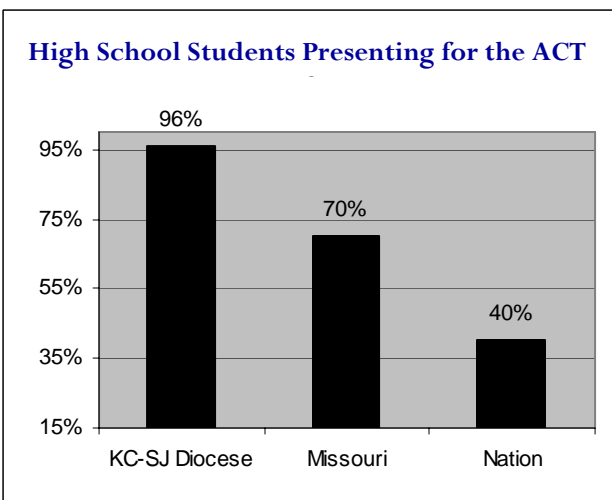
**ALTHOUGH TEST SCORES REVEAL ONE ASPECT OF A SCHOOL, THEY DO NOT SHOW THE COMPLETE PICTURE.**



# TIME PROVEN OUTCOMES

## ACT

The ACT Assessment measures the general educational development of high school students. Testing outcomes are one predictor of the potential to complete college-level work. The test covers four skill areas: English, math, reading and science.



### GRADUATION RATE

In our high schools, 100% of our seniors met all academic requirements and received diplomas.

Overall, in the State of Missouri the graduation rate is 86%. Across the nation, only 77% of U.S. high school seniors graduate. Our Catholic schools do not just prepare young people to make a living. Our schools prepare students to make a life.

**WE BELIEVE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE 3-RS, EVERYONE BENEFITS BY ADDING A FOURTH 'R' FOR RELIGION.**

### PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE

Hats off to the Class of 2008 - 99% went on to college or university.

On average, each graduate accepted \$9,422 in

*academic* scholarships for their first year of college. This does not reflect athletic scholarships or need-based financial aid. Four entered military service, and nine accepted appointments to military service academies.



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**TEACHING MINDS  
REACHING HEARTS**



## IN YOUR LIGHT WE SEE LIGHT

Children are an awesome responsibility. Ask any parent. Each has a story of lying awake at night until a teen returns home safely, or doubting success in teaching right from wrong. When parents get beyond the fear, they also talk of their hopes – hope that their children have faith-filled futures and lives that matter.

As the first and primary teachers, parents turn to parishes and Catholic schools to help their children form an enduring relationship with God. Sacred events in the lives of our Catholic school students are at the core of Catholic education yesterday and today. Last year, in our school communities

- 100% began each school day with morning prayer
- 100% gave thanks before meals
- 100% of our elementary schools celebrate Mass weekly
- High school communities invite priests to visit and to celebrate Mass
- 688 second grade students celebrated First Reconciliation
- 688 second grade students celebrated First Eucharist
- 777 high school students celebrated Confirmation
- 10 high school graduates answered a vocational call in the last five years
- 100% of our students have opportunity for Reconciliation in Advent, Lent, and on average one additional time per semester
- School communities create time for Eucharistic Adoration on average twice monthly
- 42 non-Catholic students entered the church through RCIA

The mission of Catholic education is to teach children to live as Jesus taught. The tradition continues: our Catholic schools are places to learn who you are, what you can become, and how to make the world a better place.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### PARISH LEADERSHIP

National polls indicate that 80% of active Catholics are graduates of Catholic schools.

Our graduates form the nucleus of parish leadership.

### GRATEFUL STEWARDS

Catholic school graduates who are active in their parish give generously to support the work of the Church.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Currently, more than 16,000 children and youth receive personal safety education through age-appropriate curricula. The programs develop

- a sense of self worth and essential God-given dignity
- a respect for the body as a gift from God
- an awareness of personal safety skills
- a recognition of healthy and unhealthy relationship
- the confidence to seek the assistance of trusted adults

**RELIGION IS NOT JUST A CLASS EACH DAY.  
VALUES AREN'T ONLY ANSWERS TO MATH PROBLEMS.**