

**Stanford 10 Scores –  
Standardized Testing in Catholic Schools  
of the Erie Diocese**

Diocesan students in grades two through eight participate in standardized testing annually, taking the Stanford 10 test each October. The Stanford 10 is an up-to-date, rigorous test that challenges our students while providing parents and teachers with important information about each student's academic strengths and areas of concern. Receiving results before Thanksgiving allows parents and teachers to work together for the academic progress of each child.

Teachers receive detailed printouts of scores, including information about subtests and skills which help them plan instruction not only for their class but also for specific groups of students. Teachers have access to both class average scores and individual student scores, helping them determine areas which are well understood as well as areas where all or most of the class may need additional instruction. Teachers can also determine which students may need to review certain skills.

It is important to note that when the Pearson Company scores the Stanford tests, it compares our diocesan students with other students who have taken the same test on the same grade level in the fall. They do not use results from testing that occurs in the spring. This helps ensure that our test results are valid.

The diocesan results for the Stanford 10 tests, given in October, 2009, are displayed below.

The score used in this graphic is the National Percentile Rank which indicates the number of students nationwide who scored BELOW the diocesan average. For example, if the National Percentile Rank for our students is 55, that means 55 percent of the students who took the test across the United States scored at or below the students in the Erie Diocese. A percentile of 50 is considered average and is where we would expect the majority of test-takers to score. Therefore, any percentile score above 50 can be considered above average.

We are pleased to point out the good news that our Diocesan scores are all above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile.

**Stanford Test Scores  
Diocese of Erie – October 2009**

	<b>Gr. 2</b>	<b>Gr. 3</b>	<b>Gr. 4</b>	<b>Gr. 5</b>	<b>Gr. 6</b>	<b>Gr. 7</b>	<b>Gr. 8</b>
<b>Reading</b>	62	57	62	70	67	74	71
<b>Math</b>	69	54	61	65	69	76	74
<b>Language</b>	71	65	62	67	70	77	72
<b>Spelling</b>	64	57	67	66	67	71	69
<b>Science</b>			69	68	67	74	71
<b>Soc. Sci.</b>			63	71	76	73	70
<b>Listening</b>	68	63	70	70	70	74	69
<b>Thinking</b>			71	69	77	78	74
<b>Basic Battery</b>	64	58	64	68	68	74	71
<b>Total Battery</b>	64	57	64	68	73	74	71

Note: a blank space means that grade is not tested in that area.

The Catholic Schools Office is happy to answer questions about standardized testing in our schools. You are welcome to contact Kim Lytle, Director of Curriculum, at the Catholic Schools Office, 814.824.1248.