

Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)

ITBS is a Norm- referenced test.

Norm-referenced refers to [standardized tests](#) that are designed to compare and rank test takers in relation to one another. Norm-referenced tests report whether test takers performed better or worse than a hypothetical average student. Scores are compared against the performance results of statistically selected group of test takers, typically of the same age or grade level, who have already taken the exam. Examples of Norm Referenced Tests: SAT and ACT

It should be noted that Norm-referenced tests **cannot** measure the learning achievement or progress of an entire group of students, but only the relative performance of individuals within a group.

The chart below is a comparison of the Diocesan averages and St. Timothy Catholic School. The chart indicates Grade Equivalency and National Percentile Rank based on 2011 National Student Norms.

Reading Total

	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Diocesan average 2016	2.3/58	3.4/57	4.6/59	5.5/59	6.6/55	8.1/62	9.8/67
St. Tim 2016	2.3/58	3.3/52	5.2/68	5.9/62	6.7/58	8.5/63	10.3/68

ELA Total

	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Diocesan average 2016	2.2/50	3.4/59	4.8/63	5.9/63	6.9/60	8.6/69	10.6/74
St. Tim 2016	2.2/50	3.5/59	5.0/70	6.4/73	7.4/68	10.0/74	11.0/77

Mathematics Total

	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Diocesan average 2016	2.0/42	3.2/53	4.1/47	5.1/51	6.3/52	7.9/59	9.7/66
St. Tim 2016	2.0/42	3.2/53	4.2/50	5.1/49	7.1/67	7.9/59	9.7/66

Complete Composite

	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Diocesan average 2016	2.1/44	3.3/56	4.4/57	5.5/58	6.6/57	8.1/62	10.1/67
St. Tim 2016	2.0/45	3.3/56	4.6/61	5.6/58	7.2/64	8.9/65	10.2/67