

May 5, 2023

Dear Parents,

Enclosed are your child's Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) results. We are thrilled with the strong results and the high academic performance of the CHA students. The overall test results verify that we are a school of excellence.

This year marks a new endeavor as students completed the ITBS online instead of the paper-based model previously. While the test questions and answers remained the same as the previous test, the testing process was a new experience for students. Included below are the results for comparison year over year for 2019, 2022 and 2023. The test was not administered from 2020 to 2021. Riverside Insights, the publisher of the ITBS has also added a National Stanine Score which is included below. All scores are compared to 2017 national norms. The comparison year is determined by Riverside Insight. Previous to 2017, the national norm was compared to the results from 2011. A National Stanine score became available in 2022 and will be included as a comparison on going. The Complete Composite score includes English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers after you've had an opportunity to review your child's report and the enclosed information.

CHA's Philosophical Position

Standardized testing is just one "one data point captured at this moment in time." It is neither a complete picture of what happens in a quality school nor the complete picture of your child's academic life and accomplishments in class. There are, however, many important pieces of information that can be gleaned to help identify a student's opportunity to grow and build on their strengths.

CHA's Composite Scores:

Grade 1

- 2023- Composite Grade Equivalent Average- 2.5 (Second grade, 5th month) Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking – 81% National Stanine – 7 (Scale is 1-9 with 9 being the highest)
- 2022- Composite Grade Equivalent Average 2.7 (Second grade, 7th month) Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking -- 89% National Stanine – 8 (Scale is 1-9 with 9 being the highest)
- 2019- Composite Grade Equivalent Average 2.4 (Second grade, 4th month) Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking -- 84%

Grade 2

2023 - Composite Grade Equivalent Average- 4.3 (Fourth grade, 3rd month) Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking – 94% National Stanine –8 (Scale is 1-9 with 9 being the highest)

2022- Composite Grade Equivalent Average – 4.5 (Fourth grade, 5th month)

Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking – 96% National Stanine – 9 (Scale is 1-9 with 9 being the highest)

2019- Composite Grade Equivalent Average – 4.0 (Fourth grade, 0 month) Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking – 99%

Grade 3

- 2023- Composite Grade Equivalent Average- 6.2 (Sixth grade, 2nd month) Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking – 93% National Stanine – 8 (Scale is 1-9 with 9 being the highest)
- 2022- Composite Grade Equivalent Average 6.4 (Sixth grade, 4th month) Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking – 95% National Stanine – 8 (Scale is 1-9 with 9 being the highest)
- 2019- Composite Grade Equivalent Average 5.8 (Fifth grade, 8th month) Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking – 99%

Grade 4

- 2023- Composite Grade Equivalent Average- 8.0 (Eighth grade, 0 month)
 Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking 94%
 National Stanine 8 (Scale is 1-9 with 9 being the highest)
- 2022- Composite Grade Equivalent Average 7.5 (Seventh grade, 5th month) Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking – 90% National Stanine – 8 (Scale is 1-9 with 9 being the highest)
- 2019- Composite Grade Equivalent Average 8.9 (Eighth grade, 9th month) Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking – 99%

Grade 5

- 2023- Composite Grade Equivalent Average- 8.4 (Eighth grade, 4th month) Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking – 82% National Stanine – 7 (Scale is 1-9 with 9 being the highest)
- 2022- Composite Grade Equivalent Average 9.0 (Ninth grade, 0 month) Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking -- 87% National Stanine – 7 (Scale is 1-9 with 9 being the highest)
- 2019- Composite Grade Equivalent Average 6.8 (Sixth Grade, 8th month) Composite National School Norm Percentile Ranking -- 86%

CHA faculty spends many hours each year evaluating the scores from different angles. We use this data to pinpoint challenges and strengths in the delivery of the curriculum, as well as ensuring a plan is created to support student growth and academic achievement. These results will be passed on to your child's future teachers at CHA and become a part of their permanent record to be shared when they apply out or transfer to their next school.

Thank you,

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