

	NATIONAL PERCENTILE RANK							GRADE EQUIVALENT SCORES					
	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8	SJLS AVG	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8
English Language Arts	86	77	75	82	77	88	81	5.6	6.3	7.3	9.5	10.5	13+
Mathematics	76	69	58	62	74	89	72	4.7	5.7	6.3	7.7	10.8	13+
Social Studies	80	73	77	65	64	74	72	5.2	6.2	7.8	8.5	9.4	12.8
Science	83	81	81	72	69	84	78	5.7	7.1	8.4	9.1	10.1	13+
Complete Test	82	73	70	69	71	84	75	5.3	6.2	7.1	8.5	10.1	13+

St. John's students in Grades 3-8 took the Iowa Assessments testing program in April 2019.

The test results provide information about how SJLS students compare to other students across the country. The results are reported in percentile rankings and grade equivalent scores:

- **NATIONAL PERCENTILE RANK (NPR)** indicates the relative standing of a student in comparison with the students in the same grade in the norm (reference group) who took the test at a comparable time. For example, each 8th grader received his or her individual Mathematics percentile score as compared to other 8th grade students across the nation. The class average percentile was as good as or better than 89% of the students (public, private, and parochial) who took this test in April 2019, as shown above. To clarify, the average national score is a 50th percentile rank.
- **GRADE EQUIVALENT (GE)** score is a developmental growth score (shown above as a class score), used to show growth year-to-year. The average yearly growth is 10 months (per school year). High-achieving students typically gain more than 10 months in a year, and it is reasonable to expect low-achieving students to gain less than 10 months in a year. For example, each 3rd grader received his or her individual Math grade equivalent score to as compared to other 3rd grade students across the nation. The 3rd grade Math GE score of 4.7 is a score that a typical class at the end of the seventh month of fourth grade is likely to get on that same third grade math test (and we can measure individual and class growth by comparing the GE score in April 2018). To clarify, the relative 3rd grade GE is 3.8 for all testing areas (third grade, eighth month).

The test results are one indication of academic progress in our students and school, a single snapshot in the spring of each year. While our teachers do not spend time during the year 'teaching to a test', we realize that the testing process is important for our students to be able to show academic prowess. These test results can provide meaningful information for educational planning. After further analysis of the testing results, staff members will develop a school improvement plan through curriculum development and instruction.