

Class of 2009 Trend Data ITBS

The chart below shows the results of the Iowa Testing Basic Skills (ITBS) for the students in the Class of 2009 (8th graders who will be graduating in 2009 from St. Charles). ***Remember the scores posted are an average of the students who took the test that year. Many of the students could be scoring much higher and some might be scoring much lower.

The first score for each year is the percentile score which indicates that the students scored in that certain percentile. For example, St. Charles' students scored in the 68th percentile in vocabulary meaning they achieved a score that is higher than 68% of other students who took the test.

The second score for each year is the grade-level equivalent score. Grade-level equivalent scores are determined by giving a test that is developed for a particular grade to students in other grades. For instance, test designers establish grade-equivalents for a 4th grade test by giving that same test to students who are in the 6th and the 2nd grades. Grade-level equivalent scores are often misunderstood; be careful when you interpret them. If a 4th grader received a 7th grade equivalent score on a 4th grade reading achievement test, parents may believe their child is ready for 7th grade material. Actually, the score means that **the child reads 4th grade material as well as the average 7th grader.**

Notice that every year the average results showed students were understanding the grade level material at least one of more years above.

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