

## Class of 2012 Trend Data

The charts on the next two pages show the results of the Iowa Testing Basic Skills (ITBS) for the students in the Class of 2012 (Those students graduating from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in 2012).

\*\*\*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.

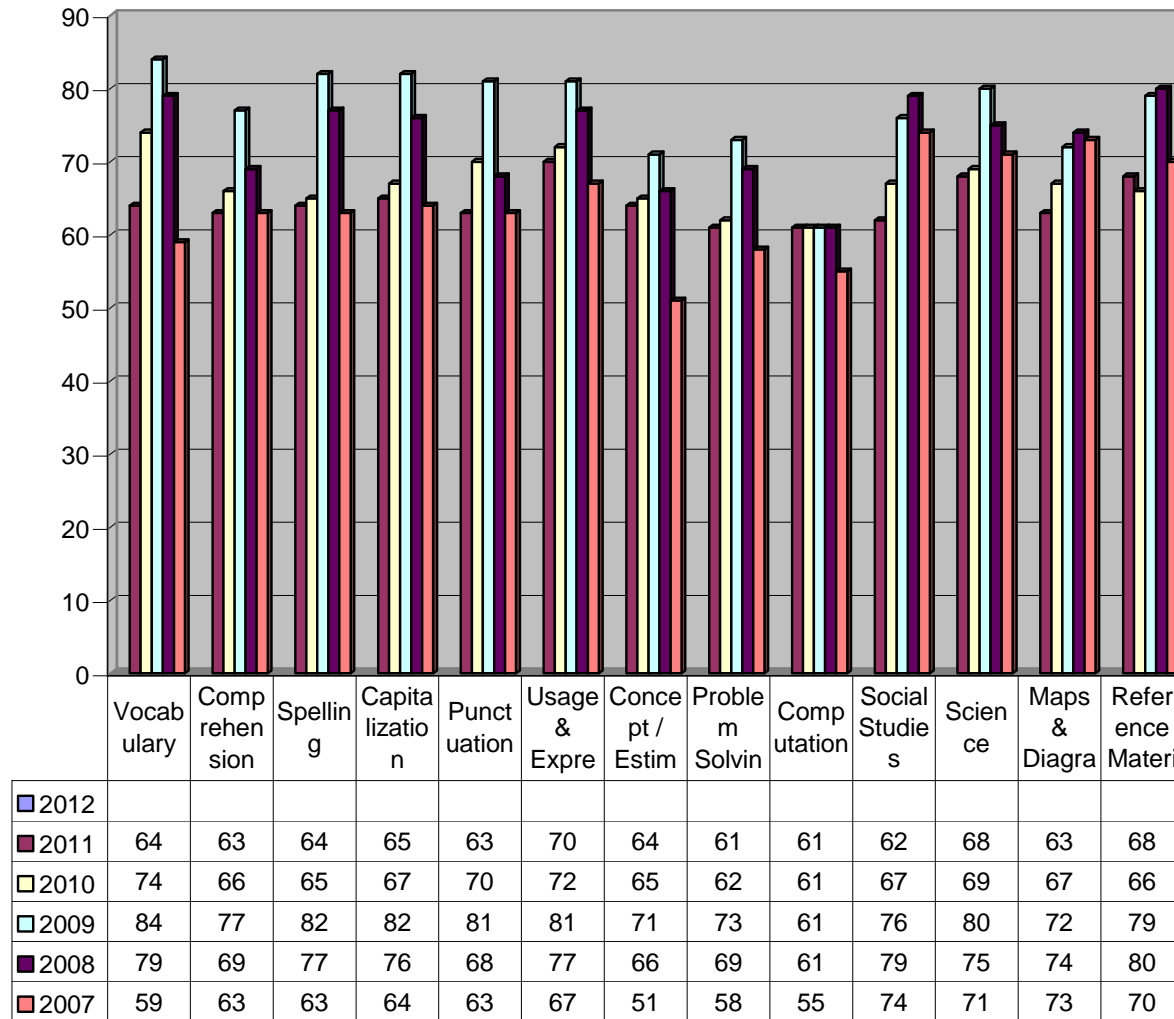
The **first chart** for each year is the percentile score which indicates that the students scored in that certain percentile. For example, St. Charles' students scored in the 68th percentile in vocabulary meaning they achieved a score that is higher than 68% of other students who took the test.

The **second chart** 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 show students were understanding the grade level material at least one or two years above the grade they were currently in.

### Class of 2012 Percentiles



### Class of 2012 Grade Equivalents

