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Tables Reporting the Performance of Specific Groups for the 2013 edition NCEA IFG: ACRE Assessment

In the following tables, we have compiled reports to show the performance of the students that used the NCEA IFG: ACRE assessment during the last academic year (fall 2014 through summer 2015). For greater detail, the reports are given in a variety of ways to depict the performance of students assessed at grades 5, 8, 9, 11 and 12, and according to the time of year these students sat for the NCEA IFG: ACRE (Fall – August to November; Winter – December to February; Spring – March to June). Breakdowns are provided for school and parish programs separately. Many users requested that this information be separated to help them better sense their standing among like-religion programs. While the use of NCEA IFG: ACRE is intended to guide instructors to achieve standards of faith knowledge for all students regardless of venue (parish-based religion program or Catholic school), knowing where we stand as we move on this path can be re-assuring, informative, and motivating. We hope you find the tables that follow useful. If we can improve their benefits to you as a user, please let us know.

Statistical performance tables invariably have limitations. Therefore, please note the following as you examine and interpret the reports:

- NCEA IFG: ACRE is a voluntary program in some dioceses; required or mandated in others. The context in which assessments function has been shown to be related to performance. When interpreting these tables, remember that your students' motivation may impact total scores.
- Comparison to any group can be fragile at best, but is especially so when the numbers of students involved is very few (less than 400 to 500 at least). When you review your results, consider the stability of the comparison for your students' (when your scores are based on relatively few students, average scores can vary tremendously!) as well as the size of the group representing the "norm" (some are comprised of very few students assessed).
- Representativeness (how typical are your students, and how similar are your students to those in the norm) is a paramount standard when we compare the performance of one group (your class) to another group (results from all NCEA IFG: ACRE students assessed.). How well does the NCEA IFG: ACRE national assessed group "truly" represent all "national "students assessed"? To be candid, we cannot be sure. We will study this in the years ahead, but today, we are not certain. Thus, your direct comparison of your students' performance to those in these tables may not be a fair comparison.

What we stress and what is important is the notion of "absolute standards." By this we refer to the processes that during the development phase of NCEA IFG: ACRE, national panels of catechetical leaders and educators worked collaboratively to determine credible "performance standards." How your students "score" in relation to these independent criterion benchmarks is reported with the return of your local results. While comparison can be informative, it is NOT the goal of these assessments. The goal is to assist Catholic youth

in our instructional programs to achieve the highest levels of faith knowledge, information and understanding. These tables are offered to help you answer the question, “Are you doing all you can locally to achieve this goal?”

The national scores summarized in the following tables are average percent correct scores from the Knowledge Based sections of Part 1 of the NCEA IFG: ACRE Assessment. Also provided is the national percent of students scoring in the three NCEA IFG: ACRE Performance Standard categories (Needs Improvement, Proficient, and Advanced). How to interpret these score data is provided in the NCEA IFG: ACRE Interpretation Manual, which can be accessed from CA&L’s website: <http://ncea.caltesting.org/>. Contact CA&L to aid you in understanding or interpreting the data tables. Contact NCEA to assist you in using the data to improve your religion programming.

Grade 5 NCEA IFG: ACRE Scores of Students in Catholic Schools

Time of year assessed	No of Students	Part I Total Score	Domain I: Knowledge of the Faith	Domain 2: Liturgical Life	Domain 3: Moral Formation	Domain 4: Prayer	Domain 5: Communal Life	Domain 6: Missionary Spirit
		Mean % Correct						
July thru Nov	3,358	64.9%	69.2%	62.8%	76.7%	62.6%	69.3%	49%
Dec thru Feb	28,502	68.2%	71.7%	69.2%	78%	65.2%	70.9%	54.3%
Mar thru June	24,058	71.7%	74.6%	71.6%	80.5%	69.3%	75.3%	58.7%
Annual Results	55,918	69.5%	72.8%	69.8%	79.0%	66.8%	72.7%	55.8%

Performance of Grade 5 Students in Catholic Schools

Time of year assessed	Results	Performance Category		
		Needs Improvements	Proficient	Advanced
July thru Nov	Percent in Category	44.91%	48.51%	6.58%
	Number of Students	1,508	1,629	221
Dec thru Feb	Percent in Category	44.91%	48.51%	6.58%
	Number of Students	10,206	15,216	3,080
Mar thru June	Percent in Category	28.79%	54.72%	16.49%
	Number of Students	6,927	13,165	3,966
Annual Results	Percent in Category	33.34%	53.67%	13.00%
	Number of Students	18,641	30,010	7,267

Grade 5 NCEA IFG: ACRE Scores of Students in Parishes

Time of year assessed	No of Students	Part I Total Score	Domain I: Knowledge of the Faith	Domain 2: Liturgical Life	Domain 3: Moral Formation	Domain 4: Prayer	Domain 5: Communal Life	Domain 6: Missionary Spirit
		Mean % Correct						
July thru Nov	569	55.5%	60.4%	48.9%	70.4%	52.6%	59.7%	41%
Dec thru Feb	5,931	56.1%	60.8%	52.2%	70.2%	52.5%	60.6%	40.2%
Mar thru June	4,487	56.5%	61%	52.8%	70.7%	53.5%	60.6%	40.4%
Annual Results	10,987	56.2%	60.9%	52.2%	70.4%	52.9%	60.6%	40.3%

Performance of Grade 5 Students in Parishes

Time of year assessed	Results	Performance Category		
		Needs Improvements	Proficient	Advanced
July thru Nov	Percent in Category	73.64%	23.37%	2.99%
	Number of Students	419	133	17
Dec thru Feb	Percent in Category	70.75%	26.89%	2.36%
	Number of Students	4,196	1,595	140
Mar thru June	Percent in Category	68.91%	27.39%	3.70%
	Number of Students	3,092	1,229	166
Annual Results	Percent in Category	70.15%	26.91%	2.94%
	Number of Students	7,707	2,957	323

Grade 8 NCEA IFG: ACRE Scores of Students in Catholic Schools

Time of year assessed	No of Students	Part I Total Score	Domain I: Knowledge of the Faith	Domain 2: Liturgical Life	Domain 3: Moral Formation	Domain 4: Prayer	Domain 5: Communal Life	Domain 6: Missionary Spirit
		Mean % Correct						
July thru Nov	5,330	78.9%	79.8%	76.5%	86.4%	76.9%	72.7%	81%
Dec thru Feb	27,858	76.4%	76.2%	76.2%	82.8%	75.9%	73.4%	73.6%
Mar thru June	22,915	82.5%	82.9%	82.2%	88.4%	81.7%	75.7%	84.1%
Annual Results	56,103	80.1%	80.4%	78.9%	86.7%	79%	74.4%	81%

Performance of Grade 8 Students in Catholic Schools

Time of year assessed	Results	Performance Category		
		Needs Improvements	Proficient	Advanced
July thru Nov	Percent in Category	28.37%	53.41%	18.22%
	Number of Students	1,512	2,847	971
Dec thru Feb	Percent in Category	26.68%	52.31%	21.01%
	Number of Students	7,432	14,572	5,854
Mar thru June	Percent in Category	20.57%	50.75%	28.68%
	Number of Students	4,713	11,630	6,572
Annual Results	Percent in Category	24.34%	51.78%	23.88%
	Number of Students	13,657	29,049	13,397

Grade 8 NCEA IFG: ACRE Scores of Students in Parishes

Time of year assessed	No of Students	Part I Total Score	Domain I: Knowledge of the Faith	Domain 2: Liturgical Life	Domain 3: Moral Formation	Domain 4: Prayer	Domain 5: Communal Life	Domain 6: Missionary Spirit
		Mean % Correct						
July thru Nov	497	59%	54.3%	59.4%	70.1%	59.5%	47.5%	63.1%
Dec thru Feb	6,146	59.2%	55.2%	57.4%	71.5%	62.5%	47.8%	60.9%
Mar thru June	4,487	56.5%	61%	52.8%	70.7%	53.5%	60.6%	40.4%
Annual Results	10,987	56.2%	60.9%	52.2%	70.4%	52.9%	60.6%	40.3%

Performance of Grade 8 Students in Parishes

Time of year assessed	Results	Performance Category		
		Needs Improvements	Proficient	Advanced
July thru Nov	Percent in Category	59.96%	34.00%	6.04%
	Number of Students	298	169	30
Dec thru Feb	Percent in Category	64.32%	31.30%	4.38%
	Number of Students	3,953	1,924	269
Mar thru June	Percent in Category	62.78%	31.34%	5.88%
	Number of Students	3,137	1,566	294
Annual Results	Percent in Category	63.47%	31.43%	5.09%
	Number of Students	7,388	3,659	593

Grade 9 NCEA IFG: ACRE Scores of Students in Catholic Schools

Time of year assessed	No of Students	Part I Total Score	Domain I: Knowledge of the Faith	Domain 2: Liturgical Life	Domain 3: Moral Formation	Domain 4: Prayer	Domain 5: Communal Life	Domain 6: Missionary Spirit
		Mean % Correct						
July thru Nov	7,685	68.8%	67.7%	66%	76%	70.8%	60.5%	72%
Dec thru Feb	1,330	73.7%	72.7%	69.4%	78.8%	75.3%	68.2%	78%
Mar thru June	4,226	75.3%	75.5%	70.5%	82.3%	75.7%	69.5%	78.1%
Annual Results	13,241	71.7%	71.2%	68%	78.5%	73.1%	64.7%	74.8%

Performance of Grade 9 Students in Catholic Schools

Time of year assessed	Results	Performance Category		
		Needs Improvements	Proficient	Advanced
July thru Nov	Percent in Category	42.88%	41.54%	15.59%
	Number of Students	3,295	3,192	1,198
Dec thru Feb	Percent in Category	32.41%	39.77%	27.82%
	Number of Students	431	529	370
Mar thru June	Percent in Category	24.82%	44.16%	31.02%
	Number of Students	1,049	1,866	1,311
Annual Results	Percent in Category	36.06%	42.19%	21.74%
	Number of Students	4,775	5,587	2,879

Grade 9 NCEA IFG: ACRE Scores of Students in Parishes

Time of year assessed	No of Students	Part I Total Score	Domain I: Knowledge of the Faith	Domain 2: Liturgical Life	Domain 3: Moral Formation	Domain 4: Prayer	Domain 5: Communal Life	Domain 6: Missionary Spirit
		Mean % Correct						
July thru Nov	45	56.4%	45.7%	51.4%	70.6%	57.5	46.4	66.9
Dec thru Feb	358	62.0%	57.8%	59.6%	71.5%	65.5	53.1	64.5
Mar thru June	370	65.6%	62.7%	62.7%	74.1%	66.2	58.1	70
Annual Results	773	63.5%	59.6%	61%	72.6%	65.4	55.1	67.2

Performance of Grade 9 Students in Parishes

Time of year assessed	Results	Performance Category		
		Needs Improvements	Proficient	Advanced
July thru Nov	Percent in Category	51.11%	35.56%	13.33%
	Number of Students	23	16	6
Dec thru Feb	Percent in Category	54.75%	35.75%	9.50%
	Number of Students	196	128	34
Mar thru June	Percent in Category	52.16%	35.14%	12.70%
	Number of Students	193	130	47
Annual Results	Percent in Category	53.30%	35.45%	11.25%
	Number of Students	412	274	87

Grade 11 NCEA IFG: ACRE Scores of Students in Catholic Schools

Time of year assessed	No of Students	Part I Total Score	Domain I: Knowledge of the Faith	Domain 2: Liturgical Life	Domain 3: Moral Formation	Domain 4: Prayer	Domain 5: Communal Life	Domain 6: Missionary Spirit
		Mean % Correct						
July thru Nov	747	72.9%	68.5%	71.3%	71.8%	76.8%	75%	73.7%
Dec thru Feb	6,620	71.0%	65.4%	69.1%	70.6%	76.2%	72.5%	72.2%
Mar thru June	7,368	73.2%	67.7%	71.9%	73.5%	78.6%	74.4%	73.1%
Annual Results	14,735	72.3%	66.8%	70.8%	72.3%	77.6%	73.7%	72.8%

Performance of Grade 11 Students in Catholic Schools

Time of year assessed	Results	Performance Category		
		Needs Improvements	Proficient	Advanced
July thru Nov	Percent in Category	31.59%	50.87%	17.54%
	Number of Students	236	380	131
Dec thru Feb	Percent in Category	32.75%	50.77%	16.48%
	Number of Students	2,168	3,361	1,091
Mar thru June	Percent in Category	30.02%	53.47%	16.50%
	Number of Students	2,212	3,940	1,216
Annual Results	Percent in Category	31.33%	52.13%	16.55%
	Number of Students	4,616	7,681	2,438

Grade 11 NCEA IFG: ACRE Scores of Students in Parishes

Time of year assessed	No of Students	Part I Total Score	Domain I: Knowledge of the Faith	Domain 2: Liturgical Life	Domain 3: Moral Formation	Domain 4: Prayer	Domain 5: Communal Life	Domain 6: Missionary Spirit
		Mean % Correct						
July thru Nov	136	66.5%	60.8%	65.3%	69.8%	70.5%	65.3%	67.3%
Dec thru Feb	486	63.2%	54.9%	62.4%	65.6%	72.1%	61.8%	62.4%
Mar thru June	1,360	65.4%	55.9%	73.9%	75%	70.9%	59.1%	57.3%
Annual Results	1,982	65.7%	56.7%	74.1%	75.3%	71.2%	59.5%	57.2%

Performance of Grade 11 Students in Parishes

Time of year assessed	Results	Performance Category		
		Needs Improvements	Proficient	Advanced
July thru Nov	Percent in Category	56.62%	34.56%	8.82%
	Number of Students	77	47	12
Dec thru Feb	Percent in Category	64.40%	30.86%	4.73%
	Number of Students	313	150	23
Mar thru June	Percent in Category	57.94%	36.47%	5.59%
	Number of Students	788	496	76
Annual Results	Percent in Category	59.43%	34.96%	5.60%
	Number of Students	1,178	693	111

Grade 12 NCEA IFG: ACRE Scores of Students in Catholic Schools

Time of year assessed	No of Students	Part I Total Score	Domain I: Knowledge of the Faith	Domain 2: Liturgical Life	Domain 3: Moral Formation	Domain 4: Prayer	Domain 5: Communal Life	Domain 6: Missionary Spirit
		Mean % Correct						
July thru Nov	5,407	72.4%	67.4%	69.2%	73.1%	77.5%	74.5%	72.5%
Dec thru Feb	3,136	75.1%	69.1%	73.3%	75.7%	80.6%	76.6%	75.5%
Mar thru June	6,507	72.8%	66.8%	71.4%	74.5%	78.1%	74.4%	71.4%
Annual Results	15,050	73.2%	67.5%	71.1%	74.3%	78.5%	74.9%	72.7%

Performance of Grade 12 Students in Catholic Schools

Time of year assessed	Results	Performance Category		
		Needs Improvements	Proficient	Advanced
July thru Nov	Percent in Category	31.31%	53.56%	15.13%
	Number of Students	1,693	2,896	818
Dec thru Feb	Percent in Category	31.31%	53.56%	15.13%
	Number of Students	807	1,723	606
Mar thru June	Percent in Category	27.26%	52.56%	20.18%
	Number of Students	1,774	3,420	1,313
Annual Results	Percent in Category	28.40%	53.42%	18.19%
	Number of Students	4,274	8,039	2,737

Grade 12 NCEA IFG: ACRE Scores of Students in Parishes

Time of year assessed	No of Students	Part I Total Score	Domain I: Knowledge of the Faith	Domain 2: Liturgical Life	Domain 3: Moral Formation	Domain 4: Prayer	Domain 5: Communal Life	Domain 6: Missionary Spirit
		Mean % Correct						
July thru Nov	56	67.5%	61.6%	70.5%	70.6%	79.6%	58.6%	63.9%
Dec thru Feb	65	66.5%	56.5%	62.9%	69%	78.7%	63.9%	67.7%
Mar thru June	40	75.7%	69.9%	72.2%	81.6%	78.4%	70.9%	81%
Annual Results	161	74.6%	68.4%	70.7%	79.9%	79.9%	69.1%	79.8%

Performance of Grade 12 Students in Parishes

Time of year assessed	Results	Performance Category		
		Needs Improvements	Proficient	Advanced
July thru Nov	Percent in Category	53.57%	44.64%	1.79%
	Number of Students	30	25	1
Dec thru Feb	Percent in Category	44.62%	47.69%	7.69%
	Number of Students	29	31	5
Mar thru June	Percent in Category	25.00%	32.50%	42.50%
	Number of Students	10	13	17
Annual Results	Percent in Category	42.86%	42.86%	14.29%
	Number of Students	69	69	23