# St. Francis of Assisi School

## 2016 – 2017 Standardized Test Scores

A standardized test is an assessment administered and scored in a consistent manner. The tests are designed so questions, conditions for administering, scoring procedures, and interpretations are consistent and handled in a predetermined, standard manner. Data received from standardized tests assist educators with curricular, instructional and program decisions. These data also assist the school and Archdiocese of Baltimore in developing professional development opportunities for teachers and potential interventions for students. They are valid and reliable means to measure individual and overall student performance at a particular point in time.

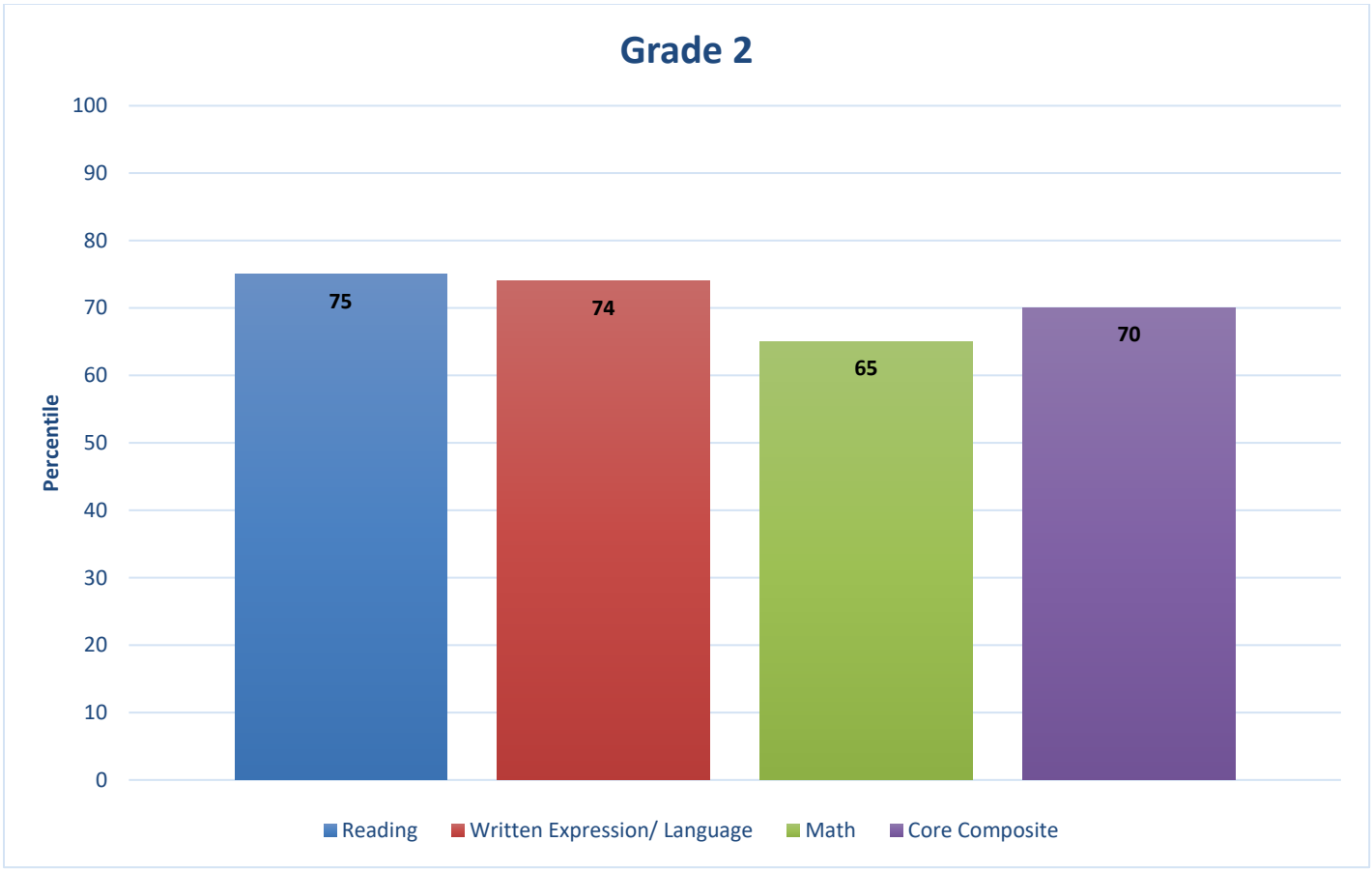
The IOWA Assessments are given to all students in grades 2 through 8 every Spring. The assessments measure student performance in reading, language arts, mathematics, and in grades 3, 5, 7, & 8 also science and social studies. All of the items on the IOWA evaluate either Basic Understanding or Thinking Skills. Scores on the IOWA are calculated using national norms. This means that students' scores are compared to the scores of all students nationally who took the same exam. **The national average is the 50th percentile.**

Our students take the following standardized tests:

- IOWA Assessments – This multiple choice test is taken every Spring by all students in grades 2 through 8.

- Assessment of Children Religious Education (ACRE) Exam – This test is taken in the Fall by 8th graders and in the Spring by 5th graders.

The student performance data that follows is a snapshot of how the entire class performed on each particular subtest along with a core composite score, which aggregates English Language Arts and Mathematics sections. While information can be gleaned from these data graphs, it is important to evaluate student and school performance using a variety of factors in addition to student performance on standardized assessments.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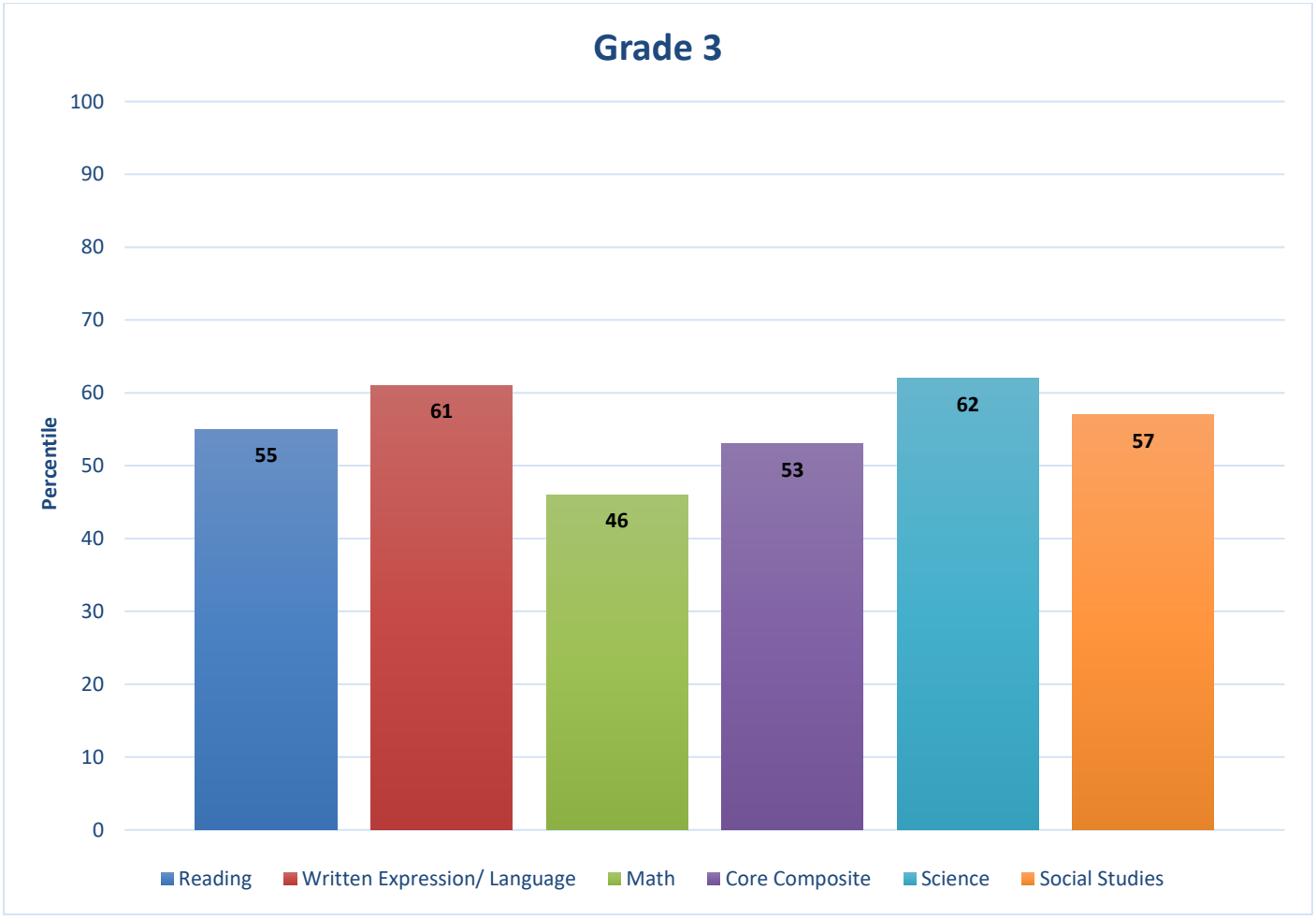
Math
Core Composite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Percentile
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80
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30
20
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61
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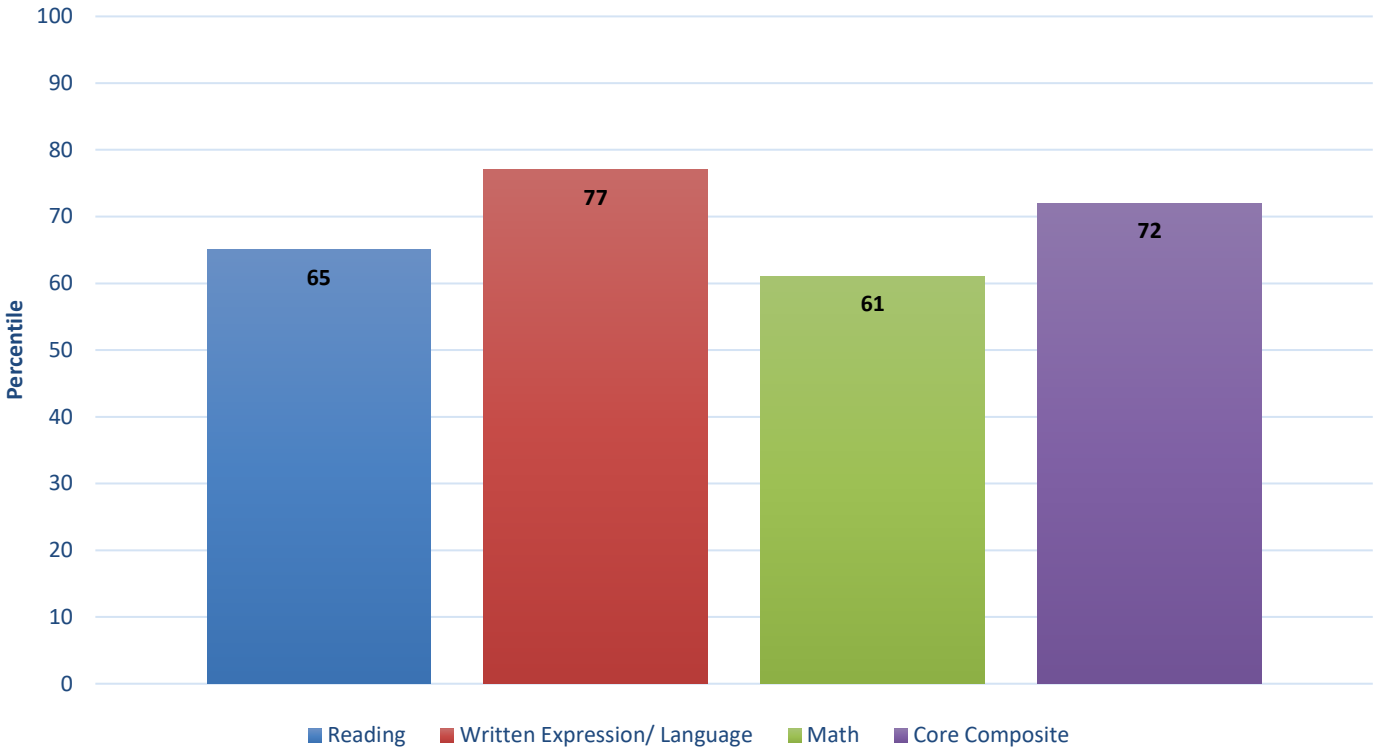
Reading
Written Expression/ Language
Math
Core Composite
Science
Social Studies

## Grade 4

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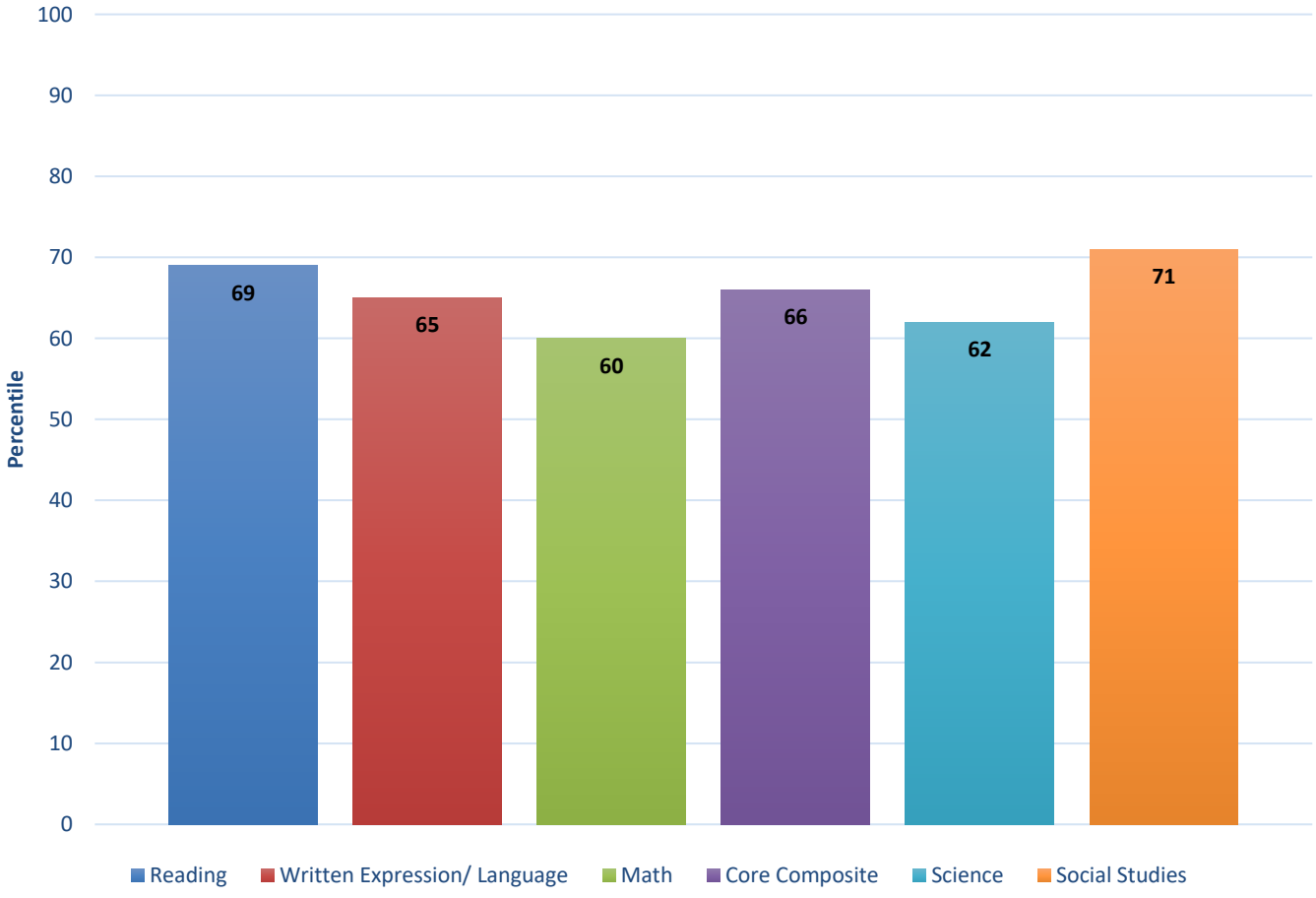

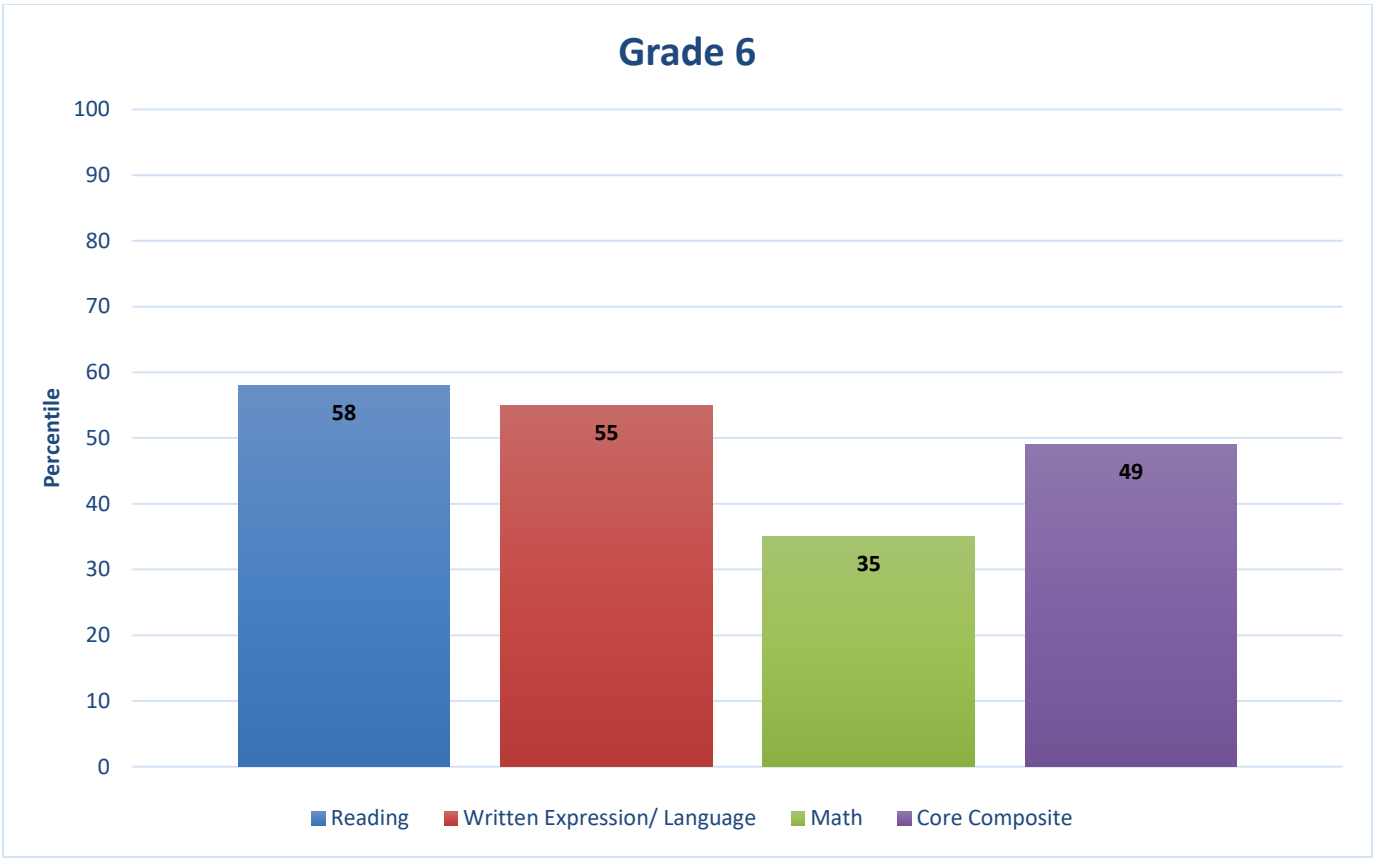
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Percentile
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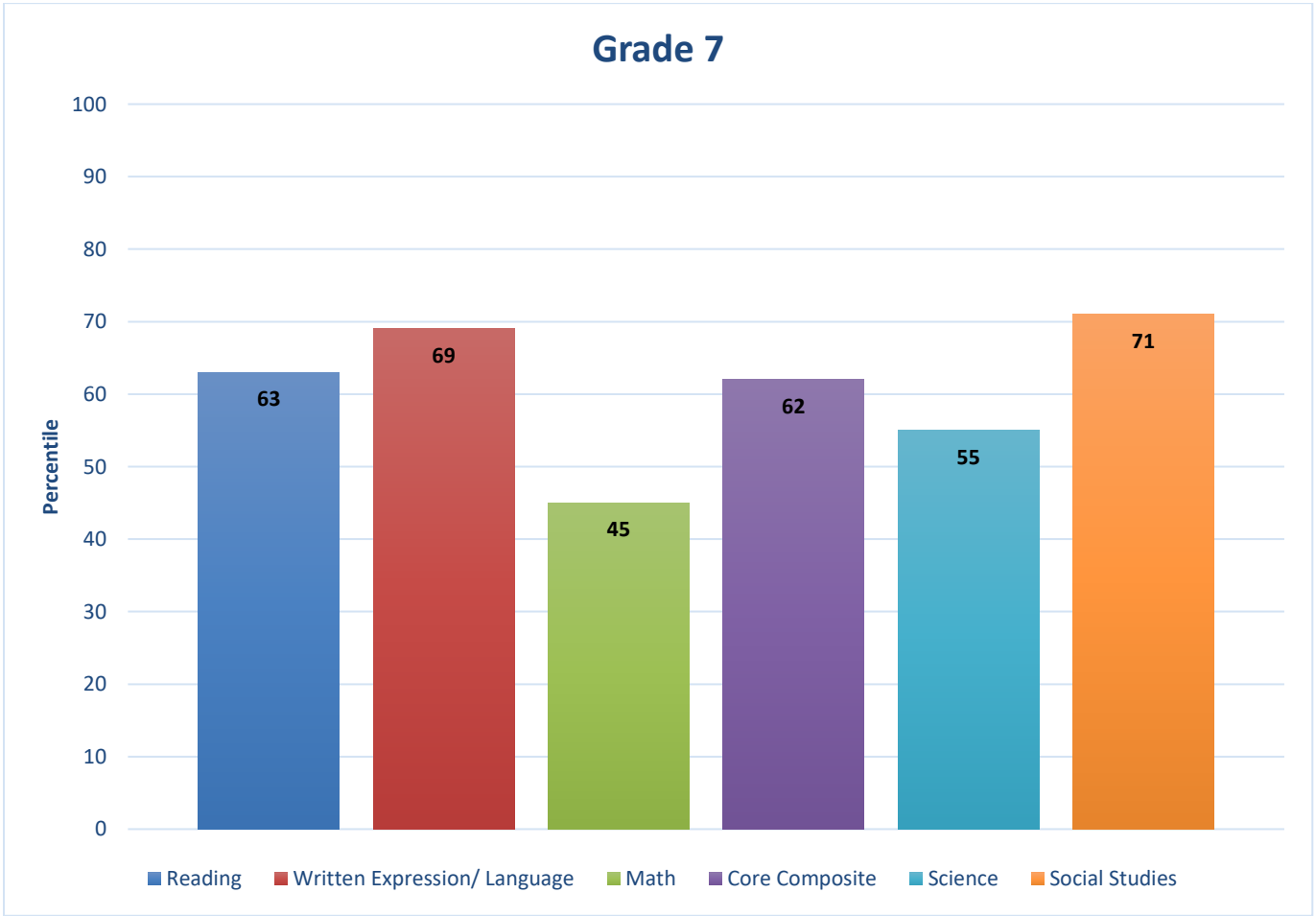
Reading
Written Expression/ Language
Math
Core Composite


Grade 7
Percentile
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80
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60
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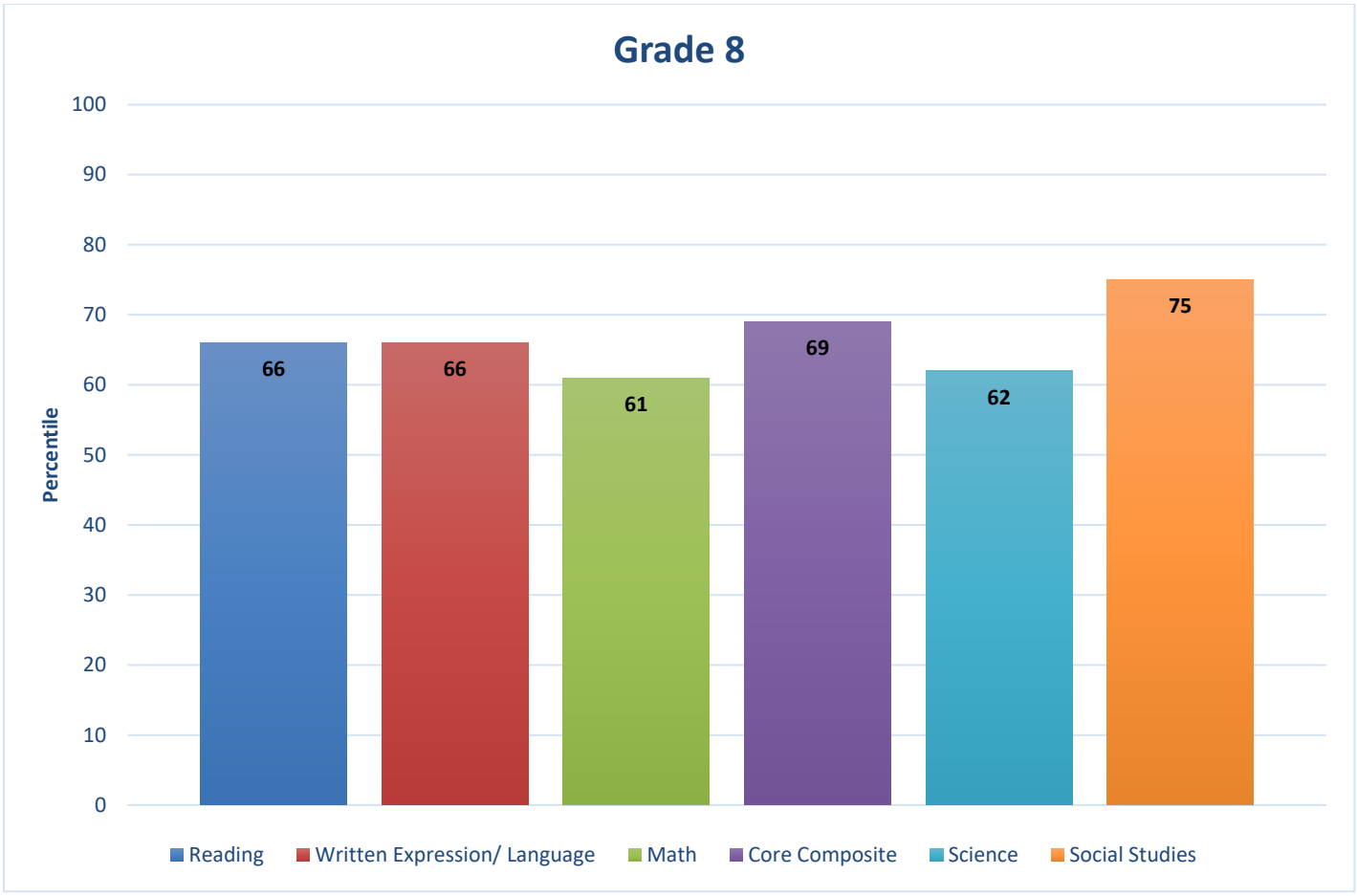
Reading
Written Expression/ Language
Math
Core Composite
Science
Social Studies


Grade 8
Percentile
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80
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60
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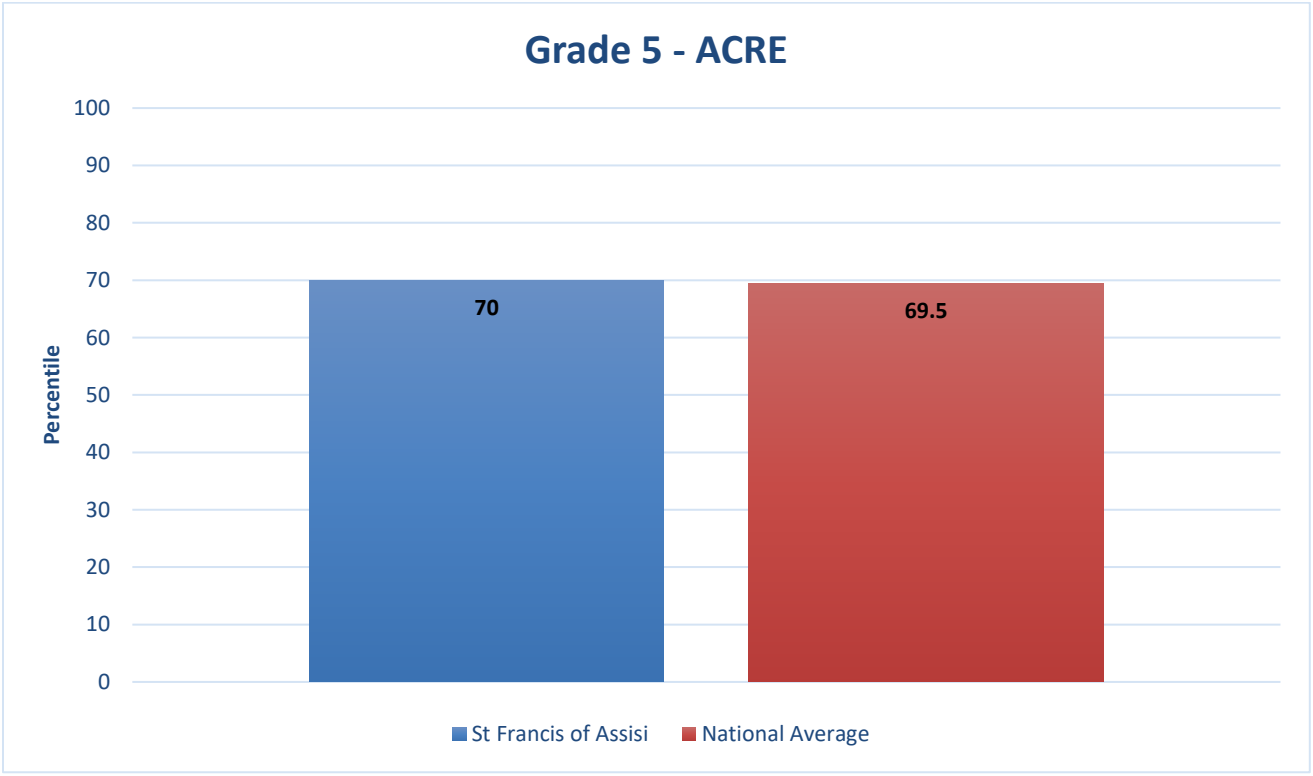
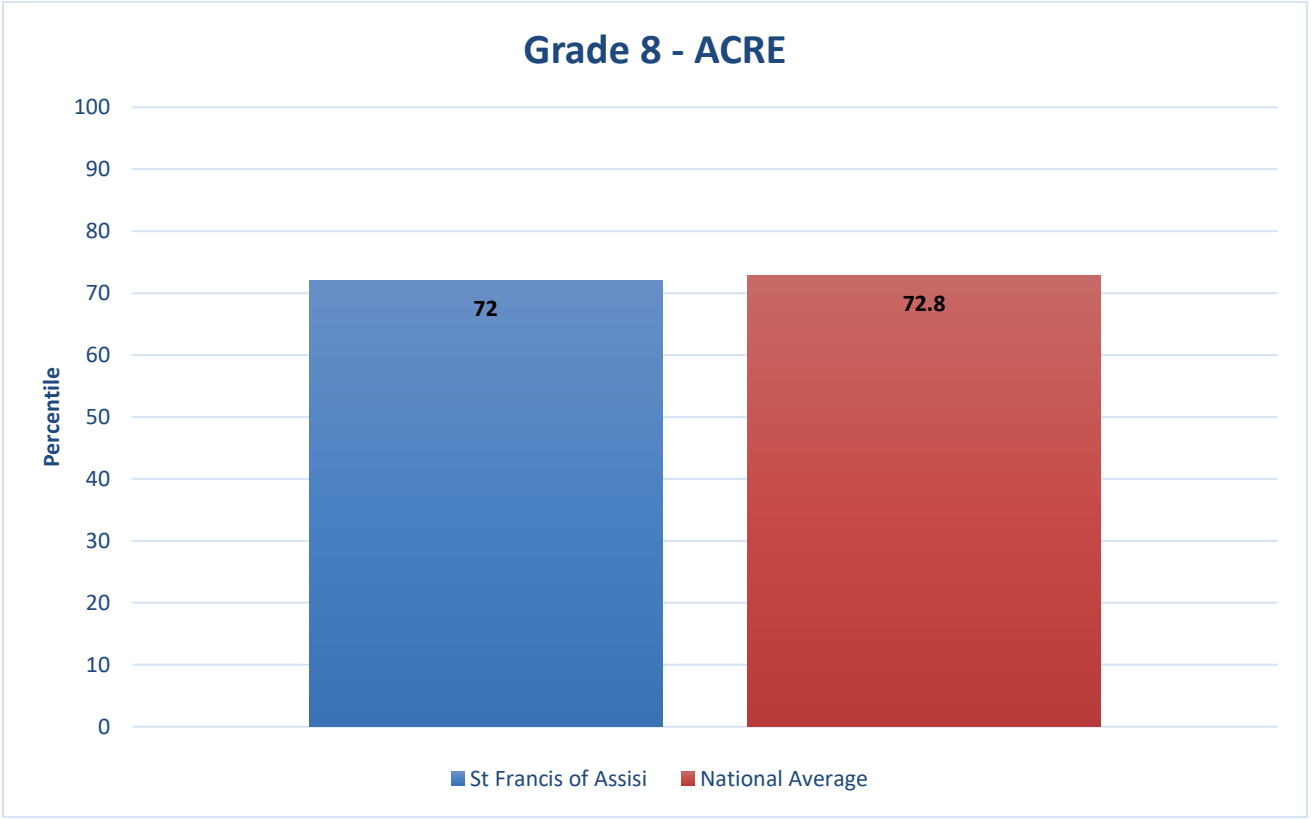
# Assessment of Children Religious (ACRE) Exam Scores

The ACRE Exam measures students' knowledge about the Catholic faith, beliefs, behaviors, attitudes and practices. Scores on this test are determined by what percentile the students places into compared to Catholic school peers on the same level of the exam. Fifth graders take the Level 1 exam and eighth and ninth graders take the Level 2 exam. Scores below the 64th percentile suggest improvement is needed, scores between the 64th and 86th percentile reflect proficiency, and scores above the 86th percentile indicate advanced knowledge. This test is taken in the Fall by 8th graders and in the Spring by 5th graders.