



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we begin another excellent year for our Catholic schools, I wanted to bring to your attention some exciting news regarding our students' impressive academic achievement as evidenced by the recently released 2017 New York State ELA & Math Test Scores. I am happy to report our students outpaced both New York State and New York City public schools with respect to the percentage of students meeting or exceeding 2017 proficiency standards for both Math and ELA, with 42.5% and 49.3% of students meeting proficiency standards in math and ELA respectively.

This marks the third year of consistent improvement in our students' archdiocesan-wide test scores. While this news should come as no surprise given the innovative teaching and learning strategies we continue to implement throughout our school system, these gains are thanks in no small part to the work you, as parents and guardians, do each and every day to support your child's educational development. We continue to believe parents are the principal and primary educators of their children, so these gains are thanks as much to your efforts as they are to the hard work of our teachers, principals, pastors, staff, and of course the students themselves.

This upward trajectory in our students' performance is a compelling affirmation of the superior quality and unique benefit of the Catholic school education we proudly provide, and I want to sincerely thank you for your partnership in this shared success.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. McNiff, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

Please see the accompanying data on the following page.



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**Archdiocesan Test Score Results in Brief:**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK**

	2015	2016	2017
Percent of students meeting or exceeding the Math proficiency standard in Archdiocese of New York	37.4%	38.7%	42.5%
Percent of students meeting or exceeding the ELA proficiency standard in Archdiocese of New York	34.0%	44.1%	49.3%

**NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

	2015	2016	2017
Percent of students meeting or exceeding the Math proficiency standard in NY State public schools	38.1%	39.1%	40.2%
Percent of students meeting or exceeding the ELA proficiency standard in NY State public schools	31.3%	37.9%	39.8%

**NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

	2015	2016	2017
Percent of students meeting or exceeding the Math proficiency standard in NY City public schools	35.2%	36.4%	37.8%
Percent of students meeting or exceeding the ELA proficiency standard in NY City public schools	30.4%	38.0%	40.6%

\*Source Date for these Results/Comparisons can be found at  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/pressRelease/20170822/home.html>



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