



ASPIRE Assessment Results for 2016 & 2017

August 2017

Dear SBPS Parents and Guardians:

In April 2017, elementary schools across the Archdiocese of Chicago administered the ACT Aspire summative test to all students in grades 3-8. The ACT Aspire assesses students' academic proficiency in five academic areas: English, Reading, Math, Science and Writing. Students completed the exam over four mornings at their school. The assessment reports were released to schools this summer and we are happy to share our academic progress with our community.

Please find below the results in all of the five academic categories assessed by the Aspire test, as well as the other points of comparison: The ASPIRE Benchmark for college readiness, the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools average (AOC), as well as the national average. In all categories the SBPS average is above the national average at all grade levels. Our students are also achieving higher than the AOC schools' average in most categories as well. We also met the "ready" benchmarks in writing in 4 of the 6 grade levels tested. Last year, we only reached the "ready" level in one. Congratulations to our students on their learning and hard work. We also congratulate our teachers on helping our students to grow, as well as our parents for providing a supportive, nurturing environment.

Over the course of the next few weeks, our teachers will be analyzing the data and using it to inform their planning for the coming year. We will also be administering the ASPIRE interim assessments as well this year to help us monitor student progress.

Please remember that standardized assessments are a "snapshot" of your child(ren)'s learning, and progress reports, report cards, portfolios, conferences and other means of assessment and communication together provide a whole picture of his/her growth and progress. We encourage parents and guardians to work closely with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) to plan for another successful year of learning.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rachel Gemo, Head of Parish School



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AOC System-Wide Results Grade 3	English		Reading		Math		Science		Writing	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
ASPIRE Benchmark	413	413	415	415	413	413	418	418	428	428
AOC Average	419	419	415	415	415	415	417	417	424	425
AOC Readiness Level	Exceeds	Exceeds	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Close	Close	Close	Close
St. Benedict Average	422	423	417	417	417	418	421	421	426	428
St. Benedict Readiness Level	Exceeds	Exceeds	Ready	Ready	Exceeds	Exceeds	Ready	Ready	Close	Ready
National Average	417	417	413	413	413	413	415	415	422	422

AOC System-Wide Results Grade 4	English		Reading		Math		Science		Writing	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
ASPIRE Benchmark	417	417	417	417	416	416	420	420	428	428
AOC Average	423	423	418	417	417	417	420	420	425	426
AOC Readiness Level	Exceeds	Exceeds	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Close	Close
St. Benedict Average	424	424	419	419	419	420	421	423	423	426
St. Benedict Readiness Level	Exceeds	Exceeds	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Close	Close
National Average	420	420	415	415	416	416	418	418	424	424



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AOC System-Wide Results Grade 5	English		Reading		Math		Science		Writing	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
ASPIRE Benchmark	419	419	420	420	418	418	422	422	428	428
AOC Average	426	426	420	420	419	419	423	423	424	427
AOC Readiness Level	Exceeds	Exceeds	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Close	Close
St. Benedict Average	427	429	421	423	420	423	425	426	426	429
St. Benedict Readiness Level	Exceeds	Exceeds	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Close	Ready
National Average	423	423	418	418	418	418	420	420	424	424

AOC System-Wide Results Grade 6	English		Reading		Math		Science		Writing	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
ASPIRE Benchmark	420	420	421	421	420	420	423	423	428	428
AOC Average	429	429	422	422	423	424	424	424	428	428
AOC Readiness Level	Exceeds	Exceeds	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready
St. Benedict Average	428	431	422	423	425	426	425	427	427	435
St. Benedict Readiness Level	Exceeds	Exceeds	Ready	Ready	Ready	Exceed	Ready	Ready	Close	Ready
National Average	425	425	420	420	421	421	422	422	426	426



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AOC System-Wide Results Grade 7	English		Reading		Math		Science		Writing	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
ASPIRE Benchmark	421	421	423	423	422	422	425	425	428	428
AOC Average	431	431	424	424	423	424	426	427	428	429
AOC Readiness Level	Exceeds	Exceeds	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready
St. Benedict Average	431	432	424	423	426	428	427	428	428	428
St. Benedict Readiness Level	Exceeds	Exceeds	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready
National Average	427	427	421	420	421	421	422	422	424	424

AOC System-Wide Results Grade 8	English		Reading		Math		Science		Writing	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
ASPIRE Benchmark	422	422	424	424	425	425	427	427	428	428
AOC Average	432	432	426	426	426	426	428	428	426	430
AOC Readiness Level	Exceeds	Exceeds	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Close	Ready
St. Benedict Average	432	434	429	427	431	430	430	429	428	426
St. Benedict Readiness Level	Exceeds	Exceeds	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Ready	Close	Close
National Average	428	428	423	423	423	423	424	424	424	424



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