

Calvin Christian Schools Test Score Summary
Elementary School (Grades K-5)

As is evidenced below, Calvin Christian School is proud of our students' performance on nationally accepted, standardized tests. CCS's scores consistently exceed national averages.

Standardized testing is just one of the measures Calvin Christian School uses to assess educational success. Unlike many other schools, CCS tests *all* enrolled students. Accordingly, comparing another school's average scores (which may only include higher level performing students) with Calvin's may not provide an accurate comparison. Moreover, as a community Christian school, CCS does not have an entrance exam or a minimum academic performance for entrance into the school. CCS admits all students who meet the mission requirement of the school without regard to academic ability.

The information provided below is a composite of scores over the last several years. Detailed standardized tests results can be reviewed with each school's building principal.

Grades 3-5

All students begin standardized testing in grade three with the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. This is a national test given every year in early October. ITBS scores are rated on a grade equivalency scale in a number of areas. Each numerical value indicates the grade level of student performance. For instance, when tested in October, the composite score for Calvin's entering 5th graders shows that they performed at the 6th Grade, plus 6 months level when compared to other students taking the test. The results below also show steady increase in student performance.

	3rd Grade	4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
<u>Vocabulary</u>	3.9	5.1	6.7	7.8	9.4	10.6
<u>Reading</u>	4.3	5.4	6.7	8.0	9.4	10.5
<u>Language</u>	3.5	4.8	7.1	8.3	9.4	11.4
<u>Work-Study</u>	4.0	5.1	6.3	7.8	9.5	11.2
<u>Math</u>	3.5	4.7	5.6	6.9	7.9	9.2
<u>Composite</u>	3.8	5.0	6.6	7.8	9.2	10.8

Calvin Christian Schools Test Score Summary
Junior High (Grades 6-8)

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The information provided below is a composite of scores over the last several years. Detailed standardized tests results can be reviewed with each school's building principal.

Grades 6-8

All students begin standardized testing in grade three with the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. This is a national test given every year in early October. Test scores are rated on a grade equivalency scale in a number of areas. Each numerical value indicates the grade level of student performance. For instance, when tested in October, the composite score for Calvin's entering 5th graders shows that they performed at the 6th Grade, plus 6 months level when compared to other students taking the test. The results below also show steady increase in student performance.

	3 rd Grade	4 th grade	5 th grade	6 th grade	7 th grade	8 th grade
<u>Vocabulary</u>	3.9	5.1	6.7	7.8	9.4	10.6
<u>Reading</u>	4.3	5.4	6.7	8.0	9.4	10.5
<u>Language</u>	3.5	4.8	7.1	8.3	9.4	11.4
<u>Work-Study</u>	4.0	5.1	6.3	7.8	9.5	11.2
<u>Math</u>	3.5	4.7	5.6	6.9	7.9	9.2
<u>Composite</u>	3.8	5.0	6.6	7.8	9.2	10.8

Calvin Christian Schools Test Score Summary
High School (Grades 9-12)

As is evidenced below, Calvin Christian School is proud of our students' performance on nationally accepted, standardized tests. CCS's scores consistently exceed national averages.

Standardized testing is just one of the ways Calvin Christian School measures educational success. Unlike many other schools, CCS tests *all* enrolled students on the designated October test date. Accordingly, comparing another school's average scores (which may only include higher level performing students) with Calvin's may not provide an accurate comparison. Moreover, as a community Christian school, CCS does not have an entrance exam or a minimum academic performance for entrance into the school. CCS admits all students who meet the mission requirement of the school without regard to academic ability.

Important objectives for comprehensive testing in high school include measuring progress in student learning and ensuring student readiness for college entrance tests (the SAT and ACT). Test results are also used for academic and career counseling as well as curriculum review. For example, changes in the English curriculum were made in part because of teacher analysis of student test results.

The information given below provides average percentile scores over the last several years. Percentile scores reflect the percent of students nationwide that the typical Calvin Christian School student outscored. For example, a percentile score of 75 means that the typical Calvin student earned a higher score than 75% of students at their grade level nationwide.

Grade 9

Over the past several years, all CCHS students in grade 9 have taken the National Educational Development Test (NEDT). This test helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and for post-graduation years.

NEDT TEST

Calvin Christian High School Average percentile scores 2005-2007

<u>English</u>	<u>66</u>
<u>Math</u>	<u>85</u>
<u>Social Studies Reading</u>	<u>55</u>
<u>Natural Sciences Reading</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>Educational Ability</u>	<u>71</u>
<u>Composite</u>	<u>76</u>

Grade 10

All students in grade 10 take the PLAN test. The PLAN (the preliminary ACT) test is designed to help prepare students for the ACT college entrance test as well as an opportunity for career exploration. The ACT tests students in English, math, reading, and science reasoning.

PLAN TEST <i>Average percentile scores, 2005-07</i>	
<u>English</u>	<u>82</u>
<u>Math</u>	<u>83</u>
<u>Reading</u>	<u>81</u>
<u>Science Reasoning</u>	<u>85</u>
<u>Composite</u>	<u>82</u>

Grade 11

All students in grade 11 take the PSAT (the preliminary SAT). Most other schools are selective in which juniors they test, while Calvin has always tested all juniors. In this context the following are Calvin's percentile scores over the last several years (compared with only college bound students nationwide).

PSAT/NMSQT	CCS <i>Average percentile scores, 2005-07</i>
<u>Verbal/Critical Reading</u>	<u>62</u>
<u>Math</u>	<u>58</u>
<u>Writing Skills</u>	<u>66</u>

The PSAT is also the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Students who achieve a prescribed score are designated as commended students or semi-finalists. The semi-finalists may compete for prestigious National Merit Scholarships for college. Over the history of giving this test several Calvin students have been commended students, some have been chosen as semi-finalists, and four have won National Merit Scholarships

Grade 12

Seniors have the option of taking the COPS career assessment, participating in a career shadow day, or visiting colleges. The goal of these opportunities is to help seniors think about their future education and calling.

Seniors (and juniors) bound for four year colleges usually take the SAT Reasoning Test and/or the ACT. Student achievement on these tests over the last several years' shows how juniors and seniors at Calvin compare with college bound students nationwide. The scores listed below are the average scores for Calvin students over the last few years. (Number in parentheses are the % Calvin Christian scores are over the national average)

ACT MEAN SCORES

English.....	24.5 (3.9% over national average)
Math.....	23.4 (2.5% over national average)
Reading.....	25.1 (3.7% over national average)
Science Reasoning.....	23.3 (2.4% over national average)
Composite.....	24.2 (3.1% above national average)
<i>Number of students tested</i>	<u>98</u>

SAT MEAN SCORES

Critical Reading/Verbal.....	567 (62 above national average)
Math.....	554 (36 above national average)
Writing.....	604 (108 above national average)
<i>Combined Verbal/Math.....</i>	<i>1121 (98 above national average)</i>
<i>Number of students tested</i>	<u>213</u>

Advanced Placement Exams:

The school offers advanced placement (AP) courses in Biology, Calculus AB, English Literature and Composition, Spanish Language, and United States History. (AP courses are college-level classes students include in their high school programs). Students who pass the standardized test (AP Exam) for their courses with a course of 3, 4, or 5 may qualify for college level credit (which may accelerate their college programs). Over the last three years 44% of the graduating class earned college credit in at least one subject by means of the Advanced Placement Program.

Also, many students take the AP English Language and Composition Exam even though Calvin does not offer this AP course. Because of the grammar and composition skills students acquire in their coursework throughout high school many are ready for this exam as well. In the past three years 21% of graduating seniors have passed this exam. This means that students who pass the AP English Language and Composition Exam can receive college credit for a freshman English course.