



Good Shepherd Parishioners:

Like many parishes in the Diocese, Catholic Education is the largest of all ministries supported by the time, talent and treasure of the members of Good Shepherd Church. Through your efforts, we are proud to say that our Catholic school continues to uphold the standards that have been present for our 50+ years of operation, not wavering from the message that has been posted at the entrance of the school for many years:

" Be it known to all who enter here, Christ is the reason for this school. . . . "

Because of your support of Good Shepherd Church and School, we wanted to take the opportunity to reinforce that in addition to being a spiritually-fulfilling Catholic School, we have also been very successful in terms of academic performance. The attached graphs reflect the results of the 2011 state standardized testing (ISTEP), recently released by the Indiana Department of Education.

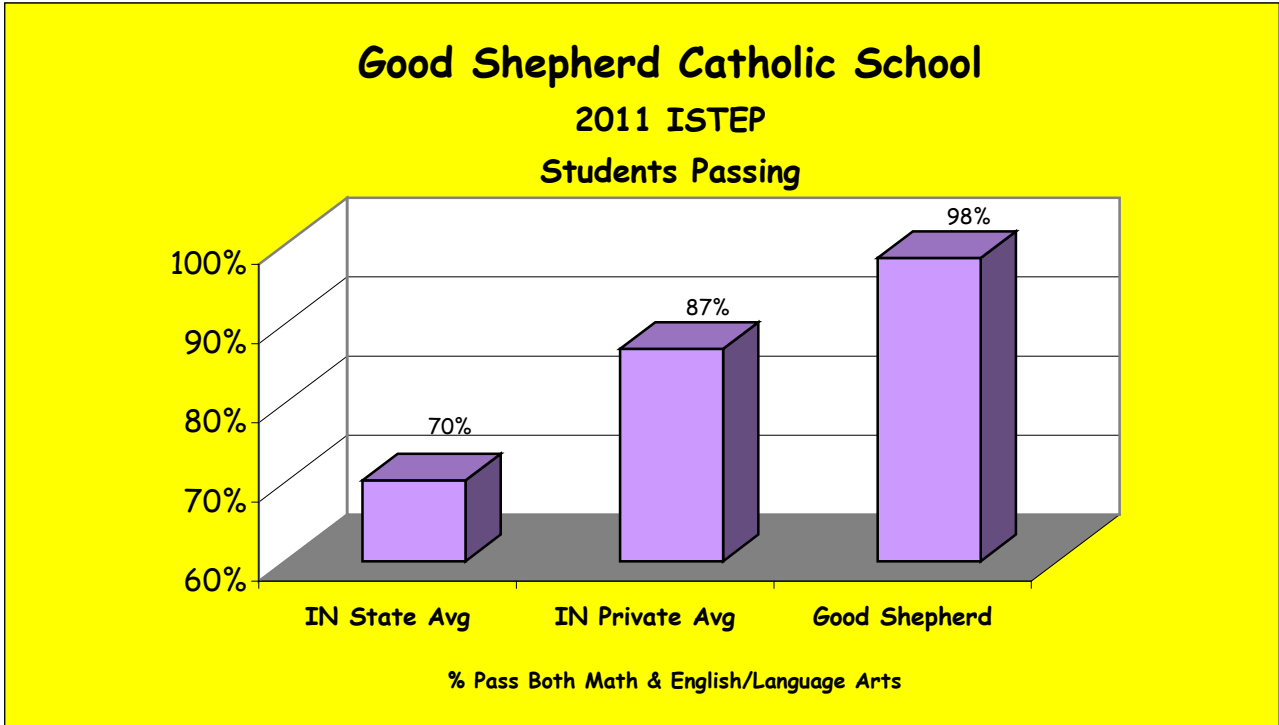
The first graph shows the percentage of students passing the core facets of ISTEP, Mathematics and English/Language Arts. As has been the case for many years, Good Shepherd has achieved excellent results compared to other Indiana elementary schools, both public and private. To put these results in perspective, **the 98.3% Pass rate achieved by Good Shepherd ranked 3rd in the state of Indiana** out of more than 1,800 schools reporting.

We are equally proud of the results indicated on the second graph, reflecting the % of students that attained a score classified as "Pass+" on both the Math and English/Language Arts facets of the test. These results indicate "mastery of the subject matter" and are considered to be a standard for exemplary performance. In terms of this measurement, our school not only achieved outstanding results on each of the core subject areas, **both scores ranked in the top 1% of all private and public schools** reporting results for 2011.

We hope you find this information valuable and rewarding, and that you are as proud of Good Shepherd Catholic School as we are. Additional information may be found at www.doe.in.gov. On behalf of all students, parents, faculty and staff that work very hard to continue the success of our school, thank you again for your commitment to Good Shepherd Parish.

Good Shepherd Catholic School Board

Graph 1



Graph 2

