

**You are receiving this email because a student in your household took the TACHS Exam in November 2021.
Please print and keep available for reference and for score interpretation questions.**

We know you are anxiously awaiting the TACHS exam results. The reports will be available online beginning on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 3:00 PM EST to align with the timing of the release of high school acceptance letters. We will not be mailing the home reports to your home address and/or sending them to the student's Catholic elementary school this year.

To access your report, go to www.tachsinfo.com and click on the "Access my Home Report" link.

You will be prompted to provide the following information:

- The **email address** that you used at the time of registration, which is the email address this memo was being sent to.
- **Student's Name**
- **Student's Date of Birth** (two digits for the month, two digits for the day, and 4 digits for the year)
- Student's **TACHS id** that was used at the time of testing. If you don't have it written down, you should be able to retrieve it by searching emails in your inbox or deleted folder, and search on TACHS; prior emails were sent from tachs@tachs.riverside-insights.com. Your id was included on every email.

Typically, you will receive an email within 15 minutes of submitting your request, you should receive an email from do-not-reply@tachs.riverside-insights.com. The email will either contain a link to a printable PDF of your individual home report or an error message of why your report couldn't be accessed.

- Click on "**Please click here to access the Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools home report you requested.**"
- PDF Icon will appear; click on "**open file**".
- You may now view and/or print your report.

If the email doesn't appear in your inbox, check your Spam or Junk folder as well. The link sent to you will only be available for 24 hours. If you allow the link to expire, you will be required to start the process/request again.

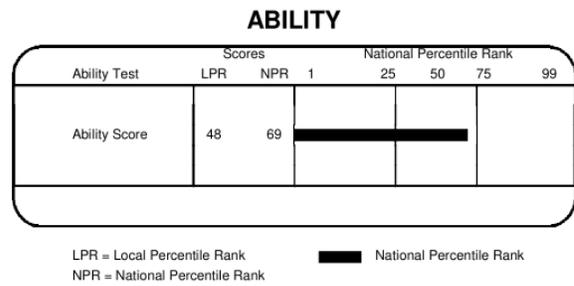
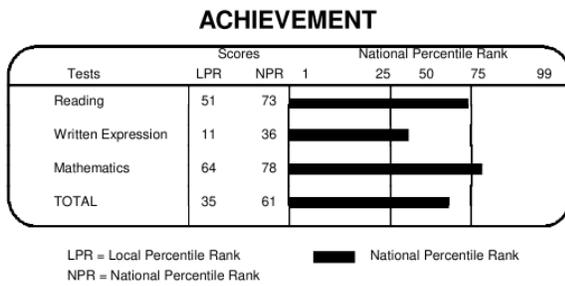
If you carefully enter all the above information and are still unable to retrieve your score, please contact us at 630-467-6001 for assistance.

Interpreting the students results

A student will receive an NPR (National Percentile Rank) and LPR (Local Percentile Rank) for the following:

- Reading
- Written Expression
- Mathematics
- Total Achievement Score (this is a weighted average of Reading, WE and Math)
- Ability Score

These are SAMPLE Results only; your scores will differ.



The bar graph is simply a visual representation of the student’s NPR score for a particular sub-test.

Using the example above, the NPR score indicates the percentage of eighth-grade students (who took a similar test across the nation) whose scores fall below the score obtained by a particular student. For example, an NPR of 73 on the Reading sub-test means that 73 percent of the national sample scored at or below the student’s raw score, and 27 percent scored higher. The LPR compares a particular student’s scores with those of other students who took TACHS within the diocese(s) on the same day(s). If a student obtained an LPR of 51 on the Reading sub-test, then 51 percent of the students who took TACHS scored at or below the student’s raw score, and 49 percent scored higher.

It is common for the LPR score to be quite a bit lower than the NPR as the LPR is comparing the student to the students within the diocese(s) that took the exam the same day(s), and it is much more competitive locally. Some students that are typically 90+ students are taking the exam with many other students that have always done the same.

After receiving reports, many parents call inquiring “I have the report, but what is my son’s/daughter’s score?” We only provide NPRs and LPRs. **The information provided to you are the same ranked scores that were provided to your high school choices for helping to assist in acceptance decisions, and are the only exam results that we provide.** We do not provide percentage correct or raw scores, or scores typically provided for SAT or ACT exams.

There are circumstances where a parent/guardian is quite surprised at the results, as the TACHS results don’t always align with scores students had received on private tutoring practice tests, or how they perform in school. The TACHS is a completely different test, and there are many students to compare their results against. Again remember, this test is highly competitive. A score of 50 doesn’t mean that the student had 50% of the questions correct or incorrect, it means that half the students tested scored above and half scored below the 50th percentile, and a 50 is still considered a good result.

The scores have been thoroughly verified for accuracy, no retaking or rescoring of the exam is available.

Once you have received these scores, you may submit a copy of the scores to any additional High Schools you wish to apply to.

For additional information regarding your acceptance to individual high schools or scholarships, please contact the schools directly.