

# Hall County Schools

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### **Comments**

The ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) has begun to release results from the most recent test administration—Fall of 2007. Scores are reported as National Percentile Rank.

Summary for Hall County System Students:

- Math computation scores for our youngest children show highly significant gains. Superintendent Will Schofield comments, “With our focus on developing mathematics specialists at all elementary grades, the implementation of “Calendar Math”, and our movement towards “Singapore Math”, these results are some of the most impressive gains I have ever witnessed in a very short period of time.”
- Our Balanced Literacy program for the primary grades is showing noteworthy gains in grades 2-4
- We are pleased that students identified as “Gifted and Talented” in grades 3 scored between the 93<sup>rd</sup> and 97<sup>th</sup> Percentile nationally in all core areas of the exam; in grade 5, they scored between the 85<sup>th</sup> and 93<sup>rd</sup> Percentile.
- We are currently compiling the results of students “new” to Hall County. Recall that last year, our elementary and middle grades had nearly 1,600 new students whose scores were significantly lower in all areas than students who had been in our system two (2) or more years
- Our English Language Learners (ELL) continue to struggle on these measures of student achievement, reinforcing our belief that a fundamental understanding of the English language is paramount to students’ ability to be successful academically.

## Hall County School District Required Grade 3, 5, 8 ITBS Results

Fall, 2007

Grade	Reading Total 06/07	Math Total 06/07	Math Computation 06/07	Language Arts Total 06/07	Science 06/07	Social Studies 06/07
3	52/55 +3	54/62 +8	48/67 +19	51/56 +5	57/59 +2	61/61 0
5	52/55 +3	50/59 +9	37/57 +20	52/56 +4	59/60 +1	57/59 +2
8	50/46 -4	56/52 -4	50/49 -1	48/47 -1	56/52 -4	52/49 -3

\*First Score is previous year's ITBS

### Grades 2, 4, 6, 7

Grade	Reading Total 06/07	Math Total 06/07	Math Computation 06/07	Language Arts Total 06/07	Science 06/07	Social Studies 06/07
2	51/56 +5	40/43 +3	41/50 +9	46/49 +3	57/59 +2	61/61 0
4	57/57	56/60 +4	42/55 +13	55/54 -1	62/61 -1	62/61 -1
6	46/44 -2	49/52 +3	42/53 +11	46/45 -1	51/50 -1	54/51 -3
7	48/44 -4	52/52	45/46 +1	48/45 -3	52/53 +1	55/53 -2

\*First Score is previous year's ITBS

### District Averages in Subject Areas Grades 2-8

	Reading 06/07	Math 06/07	Math Computation 06/07	Language Arts 06/07	Science 06/07	Social Studies 06/07
<b>Average</b>	51/51	51/54 +3	44/54 +10	49/50 +1	56/56	57/56 -1

\* First score is previous year's ITBS

**Gifted and Talented 2007 Performance on ITBS Grades 3, 5**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Reading Total</b>	<b>Math Total</b>	<b>Math Computation</b>	<b>Language Arts Total</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Social Studies</b>
3	94	97	95	96	93	95
5	93	92	85	92	91	89

**English Language Learner 2007 Performance on ITBS Grades 3, 5, and 8**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Reading Total</b>	<b>Math Total</b>	<b>Math Computation</b>	<b>Language Arts Total</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Social Studies</b>
3	30	42	59	32	39	36
5	23	38	52	26	29	28

(Number of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELL students tested by year: 2006-711 2007-817)

- **Individual school results are not available at this time. Please contact Drew Rogers ([Drew.Rogers@hallco.org](mailto:Drew.Rogers@hallco.org)) for any follow-up questions.**