Assessment is an integral part of a student's educational experience. The primary goals of assessment are to improve student learning, to guide professional development, and to make decisions regarding grade-level and school wide curriculum development. Therefore, educators must have the knowledge and skills necessary to create, administer, and interpret formal, informal, summative, and formative assessments.

The lowa Test of Basic Skills is administered to all students in grades 1-6 annually in the spring. The results of this year's test are illustrated below. The National Percentile Rank represents the percent of students in the national group that scored lower than our St. Anne's students. For example, the 3^{rd} grade class scored higher on the science test than 85% of 3^{rd} grade students in the nation who took this same test during the same time period.

