

**Private School Assessment Information  
2023-2024 National Blue Ribbon Schools Program**

**Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools**

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This information is provided for private schools interested in being nominated for the *National Blue Ribbon Schools Award* by the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) **based on the criteria that the school is in the top 30 percent of the schools in the nation in reading and mathematics and at least 30 percent of its enrollment are disadvantaged students.** The following publishers of nationally normed achievement tests have provided “cutoff scores” that define the top 30 percent of schools in each of these two subject areas:

<b><u>Test Name</u></b>	<b><u>Test Publisher</u></b>
Terra Nova 3/NEXT	DRC/CTB
ACT	ACT
PreACT	ACT
MAP	NWEA
STAR	Renaissance Learning
CLT, CLT10, CLT8	Classic Learning Initiatives
i-Ready Diagnostic	Curriculum Associates
Exact Path Diagnostic	Edmentum

If at least 30 percent of your school’s enrollment are disadvantaged students and your school has student achievement assessment results on one of these nationally normed tests that appear to provide evidence that the school is in the top 30 percent of all schools nationally, review the tables provided below and find the two tables, one for reading and one for mathematics, for that test. Each table contains cutoff scores for each grade (3 and above) in which school norms are available. The cutoff score is the minimum score a school needs to be nominated as being in the top 30 percent of the schools in the nation for that test. Further details about these cutoff scores are provided on the next page.

If at least 30 percent of your school’s enrollment are disadvantaged students and your school has student achievement assessment results on a nationally normed test that is not on the above list, look at the **student** national percentile equivalent of the mean scale score in each grade (using the norms from the appropriate time of year). If the student percentile equivalent is 70 or greater in each grade, this will be a sufficient indicator that the school is in the top 30 percent for all grades tested.

## Mean Scale Scores Corresponding to the 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms

The top 30 percent of schools are those schools that score at or above the 70<sup>th</sup> percentile of schools administering a particular test. For the test identified under “Test Name,” the tables below provide

- the mean (average) scale score that corresponds to the 70<sup>th</sup> percentile in national **school** norms (Column 1), and
- the percentile equivalent of that mean scale score in national **student** norms (Column 2)

for each grade (3 and above) in which school norms are available.

The cutoff scores provided in Column 1 are provided for only one specific subtest score in reading and one specific subtest score in mathematics (look under “Score Name”). These subtest scores were identified by the publisher as providing the most comprehensive coverage of reading that includes reading comprehension and the most comprehensive coverage of mathematics.

The school should examine its testing results and find the mean (average) scale score in reading and mathematics in each grade tested. If these results **equal or exceed** the mean scale score that corresponds to the 70<sup>th</sup> percentile in national school norms in Column 1 **for both reading and mathematics in every grade** tested in the **most recently completed school year**, this will be considered sufficient evidence that the school is in the top 30 percent of all schools nationally.

If the school’s testing results do not include mean scale scores, but they do include the national percentile equivalent of the mean scale score **based on student norms**, compare these results to the national student percentile equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> school percentile in Column 2. If these results **equal or exceed** the national student percentile equivalent in Column 2 **for both reading and mathematics in every grade** tested in the **most recently completed school year**, this will also be considered sufficient evidence that the school is in the top 30 percent of all schools nationally.

For tests that have only one set of cutoff scores, assume that these represent a spring administration. For tests that provide cutoff scores for multiple times of the year (e.g., fall, winter, or spring), the cutoff scores are provided in different columns for each time of year. If a school administered during the fall or winter a test that has only spring cutoff scores, the school may either use the comparison based on the spring norms or contact the publisher for comparable information based on norms for the appropriate time of year.

### READING

<b>Test Name:</b> TerraNova 3/NEXT		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A		<b>Score Name:</b> Reading	
<b>Publisher:</b> DRC/CTB				<b>Norming Year:</b> 2017	
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>		<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>		
	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	
3	624	635	60	57	
4	640	649	60	59	
5	652	663	55	58	
6	662	672	57	61	
7	672	676	60	59	
8	686	688	66	63	
9	687	690	57	59	
10	693	695	55	56	
11	699	700	50	50	
12	708	708	53	52	

### MATHEMATICS

<b>Test Name:</b> Terra Nova 3/NEXT		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A		<b>Score Name:</b> Mathematics	
<b>Publisher:</b> DRC/CTB				<b>Norming Year:</b> 2017	
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>		<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>		
	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	
3	596	623	59	61	
4	628	640	60	54	
5	646	660	56	58	
6	667	678	59	58	
7	677	688	58	62	
8	695	702	62	63	
9	697	701	55	54	
10	702	706	49	48	
11	717	719	47	47	
12	721	721	45	42	

**READING**

<b>Test Name:</b> ACT		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A	<b>Score Name:</b> Reading
<b>Publisher:</b> ACT		<b>Norming Year:</b> 2023	
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>	<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>	
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12	20.5		

**MATHEMATICS**

<b>Test Name:</b> ACT		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A	<b>Score Name:</b> Mathematics
<b>Publisher:</b> ACT		<b>Norming Year:</b> 2023	
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>	<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>	
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12	19.4		

### READING

<b>Test Name:</b> PreACT		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A	<b>Score Name:</b> Reading
<b>Publisher:</b> ACT		<b>Norming Year:</b> 2023	
Grade	School Mean Scale Score at 70 <sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)	Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70 <sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)	
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8	18.8		
9	19.2		
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12			

### MATHEMATICS

<b>Test Name:</b> PreACT		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A	<b>Score Name:</b> Mathematics
<b>Publisher:</b> ACT		<b>Norming Year:</b> 2023	
Grade	School Mean Scale Score at 70 <sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)	Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70 <sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)	
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8	16.9		
9	17.6		
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### READING

<b>Test Name:</b> PreACT or PreACT Secure		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A	<b>Score Name:</b> Reading
<b>Publisher:</b> ACT		<b>Norming Year:</b> 2023	
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>	<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>	
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9	19.2		
10	20.3		
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12			

### MATHEMATICS

<b>Test Name:</b> PreACT or PreACT Secure		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A	<b>Score Name:</b> Mathematics
<b>Publisher:</b> ACT		<b>Norming Year:</b> 2023	
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>	<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>	
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9	17.6		
10	18.2		
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### READING

<b>Test Name:</b> MAP Growth		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A		<b>Score Name:</b> Reading Total		
<b>Publisher:</b> NWEA				<b>Norming Year:</b> 2020		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>			<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>		
	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>
3	190	198	201	58	60	59
4	200	206	209	58	59	60
5	208	213	215	59	60	60
6	214	217	219	59	58	59
7	218	221	222	59	60	59
8	222	225	226	59	61	60
9	224	225	226	61	59	60
10	226	227	228	60	59	60
11	228	229	229	60	60	59
12	229	229	230	61	60	60

### MATHEMATICS

<b>Test Name:</b> MAP Growth		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A		<b>Score Name:</b> Mathematics Total		
<b>Publisher:</b> NWEA				<b>Norming Year:</b> 2020		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>			<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>		
	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>
3	192	200	205	60	61	61
4	203	210	214	59	60	59
5	213	219	223	60	61	60
6	219	224	227	60	60	59
7	225	229	232	61	61	61
8	230	233	236	61	60	61
9	232	234	235	61	60	60
10	234	237	238	60	61	60
11	237	239	240	60	60	60
12	239	239	240	61	60	59

### READING

<b>Test Name:</b> STAR		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A		<b>Score Name:</b> Reading – Unified Scale		
<b>Publisher:</b> Renaissance Learning				<b>Norming Year:</b> 2021		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>			<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>		
	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>
3	968	984	1000	57	58	58
4	1010	1023	1036	57	58	59
5	1048	1059	1069	57	58	58
6	1079	1089	1099	56	56	57
7	1105	1113	1120	58	58	58
8	1128	1136	1143	57	58	58
9	1137	1140	1143	52	51	50
10	1146	1148	1150	51	50	50
11	1152	1155	1157	50	50	50
12	1161	1161	1162	49	49	48

### MATHEMATICS

<b>Test Name:</b> STAR		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A		<b>Score Name:</b> Math – Unified Scale		
<b>Publisher:</b> Renaissance Learning				<b>Norming Year:</b> 2021		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at the 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>			<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>		
	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>
3	927	953	979	58	58	58
4	981	1001	1020	57	58	59
5	1024	1040	1055	59	59	59
6	1063	1074	1086	55	54	54
7	1086	1095	1104	53	54	55
8	1109	1117	1125	55	56	56
9	1106	1112	1118	51	51	52
10	1103	1109	1115	48	48	49
11	1115	1119	1122	48	48	48
12	1121	1125	1130	46	47	48



### READING

<b>Test Name:</b> CLT, CLT10, CLT8		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A	<b>Score Name:</b> Verbal Reasoning and Grammar (combined)
<b>Publisher:</b> Classic Learning Initiatives		<b>Norming Year:</b> 2018	
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>	<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>	
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8	51 (CLT8)		
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10	51 (CLT10)		
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12	50 (CLT)		

### MATHEMATICS

<b>Test Name:</b> CLT, CLT10, CLT8		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A	<b>Score Name:</b> Total Mathematics
<b>Publisher:</b> Classic Learning Initiatives		<b>Norming Year:</b> 2018	
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>	<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>	
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8	22 (CLT8)		
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10	23 (CLT10)		
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12	21 (CLT)		

### READING

<b>Test Name:</b> i-Ready® Diagnostic		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A		<b>Score Name:</b> Reading Overall	
<b>Publisher:</b> Curriculum Associates			<b>Norming Year:</b> 2020		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>		<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>		
	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	
3	508	540	53	55	
4	538	563	54	54	
5	563	585	55	55	
6	578	596	54	54	
7	595	609	53	50	
8	609	622	51	50	
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### MATHEMATICS

<b>Test Name:</b> i-Ready® Diagnostic		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A		<b>Score Name:</b> Mathematics Overall	
<b>Publisher:</b> Curriculum Associates			<b>Norming Year:</b> 2020		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>		<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>		
	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	
3	431	461	54	54	
4	455	481	54	53	
5	473	493	53	54	
6	484	501	52	55	
7	497	510	55	56	
8	506	517	56	56	
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### READING

<b>Test Name:</b> Exact Path Diagnostic		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A		<b>Score Name:</b> Reading		
<b>Publisher:</b> Edmentum				<b>Norming Year:</b> 2019		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>			<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>		
	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>
3	969	1011	1034	51	53	52
4	1026	1059	1076	49	48	51
5	1068	1096	1112	50	50	50
6	1100	1125	1140	46	50	50
7	1116	1139	1149	45	48	59
8	1140	1166	1170	46	51	51
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### MATHEMATICS

<b>Test Name:</b> Exact Path Diagnostic		<b>Form(s):</b> N/A		<b>Score Name:</b> Mathematics		
<b>Publisher:</b> Edmentum				<b>Norming Year:</b> 2019		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>School Mean Scale Score at 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile of National School Norms (Column 1)</b>			<b>Student Percentile Equivalent for the 70<sup>th</sup> School Percentile (Column 2)</b>		
	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>
3	880	925	966	49	44	52
4	945	979	1019	49	45	57
5	998	1028	1061	54	48	53
6	1032	1063	1095	50	51	60
7	1065	1094	1128	50	50	66
8	1107	1129	1157	55	51	60
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