

St. Pius X High School

Press Release

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St. Pius X High School students continue to thrive academically A HUGE thanks to our teachers! The student's uninterrupted education is reflective of your dedication to teaching

FESTUS, MO - At St. Pius X High School, we strive to provide our students with a vibrant, Catholic, Christ-centered education delivered within a caring, supportive community. St. Pius X High School has been serving our community by providing an extraordinary education since we opened the doors in 1959. Our school's purpose is clearly defined in our mission statement:

St. Pius X High School is a Catholic community dedicated to the education of the whole person, in an environment where extraordinary care and concern for the individual is ordinary.

Catholic Education is our mission, and we will continue to serve this mission to help form the future leaders of America.

Being a non-public school, St. Pius X is not allowed to take part in the state testing program Missouri's public schools administer. However, we use three different types of data to measure our students to track their growth. ACT, High School Placement Test, and Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI).

First, and most common, is the ACT. Each year St. Pius X administers a practice ACT to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Below is how the class of 2021 performed their freshman year vs senior year on the ACT. While we cannot control the academic level of our students when they begin at St. Pius X, we can make sure each student grows during their time spent with us.

ACT Subject Area Test	ACT College Readiness Benchmark Score	Percent of Class of 2021 Meeting Benchmark as a <i>Sophomore</i>	Percent of Class of 2021 Meeting Benchmark on Their Official Test as a <i>Junior or Senior</i>
English	18	46.3 (17.8 avg score)	72.5 (22.1 avg)
Math	22	15.9 (17.9 avg. score)	45.1 (21.6 avg)
Reading	22	24.6 (18.1 avg. score)	60.8 (24.2 avg)

Science	23	17.3 (18.8 avg. score)	51.0 (23.3 avg)
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Secondly is the High School Placement Test by Scholastic. The Archdiocese has asked our schools to administer this test when they are 8th graders once they are accepted into St. Pius X and again in the spring of their freshman year. As you can see in the graph below, the average score in each area improved while they were here as a freshman.

Class of 2024	February 2020	March 2021
Verbal Skills	517.1	550.7
Quantitative Skills	500.5	547.2
Reading Skills	500.9	541.5
Math Skills	498.3	536.6
Language Skills	504.3	532.1
Total Cognitive Skills	508.6	548.0
Total Basic Skills	501.5	529.8

Finally there is the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI). This measures a student's Lexile which is a way to gauge a student's reading level. Below is the Class of 2021 progress to date.

	Freshman Year (Semester 1)	Junior Year (Semester 2)
Percent of students who test as proficient or advanced	67.7	85.1

We are so proud of our faculty, staff and students for all of their hard work. While data doesn't tell the entire story of a student, or a school, we know that our mission of providing a vibrant, Catholic education is being fulfilled.