

Standardized Testing Results

Mission Viejo Campus

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In May, 2011 our students completed McGraw Hill's Terra Nova CTBS (Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills), one of the most widely used nationally administered tests. CTBS and similar standardized tests (e.g. CAT, or California Achievement Test) provide us as educators, and you as parents, with statistical data comparing your child's performance in reading, language, and mathematics with other children's across the nation.

Upon receiving the results, we were pleased to learn that they are the strongest since we opened our doors in 2000.

Paradoxically, we believe one reason for these impressive scores is that our program does *not* focus on standardized test preparation. Our strategy at LePort is *not* to "teach to the test". Rather than stressing test scores as an end in themselves, we work to instill—through exciting academic content and engaging, motivated teaching—a true joy for learning. Our goal as educators is not to create master bubblers on multiple—choice exams. Rather, we measure our success by whether our students are able to grasp the crucial knowledge and to develop in themselves the effective thinking skills and strong character that will aid in their enjoying life to the fullest. We believe the result of our strategy and goal—in conjunction with our invaluable partnership with caring, active parents, i.e., you—is knowledgeable children who can think clearly, who can write confidently, and who tackle new challenges with excitement.

And yet, while it may be incidental, it is also fitting that our students on average far outperform their non-LePort peers on standardized tests. This year's high results bear testament to the fact that our approach really does work—that by teaching our students to think critically, by helping to cultivate a genuine love of learning, we are indeed giving them the tools needed to achieve practical success in their academic future.

With this in mind, please take a few moments to look through our results.

















