



March 30, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to share your child's results of the Iowa Assessments for the 2017-2018 school year. Enclosed with this letter is your child's "Profile Narrative Summary" which includes scores in all subjects that were tested. **The information below will assist you in understanding your child's test scores.**

WHAT DO THE SCORES MEAN?

Your child's scores are presented in two ways: NSS (National Standard Score) and NPR (National Percentile Ranking).

What do they tell you about your child's performance on the Iowa Assessments?

- **NSS – National Standard Score:** This score helps provide a meaningful way to measure growth over time. The National Standard Score describes your child's performance on an achievement continuum from elementary to high school. Each grade band has a range of "typical" scores on the continuum which is used to categorize performance as "below proficient," "proficient," or "advanced proficient." Please see the "Notes" section of the "Profile Narrative Summary" to see what category your student's score falls into by subtest.
- **NPR – National Percentile Ranking:** This ranking indicates a comparison of your child's score with others in the nation who are in the same grade and took the test at the same time of year. An NPR of 80 means your child scored as well or better than 80% of the students who took the test.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The Iowa Assessments give you information about your child's progress in key areas such as reading, math, and science. Using the NSS can help you to gauge their growth from year to year. While this is an important data point, please keep in mind that it is a single moment in time and only one of many snapshots we take of students' performance. This data tells us something, but it does not tell us everything. The results you receive from this assessment, as well as daily school work, classroom assessments, and conversations with your child's teacher, will provide a more complete picture of your child's educational progress.

Should you have questions about your child's progress or questions about the Iowa Assessment, please contact your child's teacher. While we have much to celebrate and are very proud our school's growth this year, we must remember these are simply numbers. Our children are far more than just numbers, and we are proud to meet each of them wherever they are at in the learning process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Anne Franklin'.

Anne Franklin, Ph.D.

Principal