



The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) considers NAEP to be a worthy project and supports the participation of private schools in NAEP.

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Catholic school students outperformed public school fourth- and eighth-grade students in the mathematics assessment. Other private school students also scored higher than their public school counterparts. The table below highlights the difference in average scale scores between public, private, and Catholic school students.

Results for private schools can only be reported when 70 percent of schools selected for NAEP participate in the assessment. In 2011, reporting groups will be expanded to include Conservative Christian schools and Lutheran schools.

**NAEP 2005, 2007, and 2009 Mathematics Scale Scores**

AVERAGE SCALE SCORES	GRADE 4			GRADE 8		
	2005	2007	2009	2005	2007	2009
MATHEMATICS						
Public	237	239	239	278	280	282
Other Private	‡	‡	247*	‡	‡	295*
Catholic	244*	246*	245*	290*	292*	297*

\* Significantly different from public schools.

‡ Reporting standards not met.

Note: The mathematics scale ranges from 0-500.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Institution of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics. National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2005, 2007, and 2009 Mathematics Assessment.