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All schools in the Diocese shall follow the academic testing program designated by the Office of Catholic Schools.

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A standardized testing program for academic achievement shall be administered each fall for Grades 3, 5, and 7. Elementary schools are encouraged to supplement the required grades with testing at other grade levels.

The high schools of the Diocese shall coordinate the administration of standardized academic achievement tests to students each year, including but not limited to the EXPLORE, PLAN, PSAT, ACT, and/or SAT.

All schools shall administer the NCEA ACRE assessment of religious knowledge, attitude, and practices each January to students enrolled in Grades 5, 8, and 11.