

Dear Saint Joseph Community,

Many of you may be aware that our school was chosen to participate in a recent study of education in our nation, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which showed the strength of Catholic education in our country as compared to all other schools' success levels post-pandemic. Here is a link to a recent article highlighting that success. [WSJ Article - Oct 27 2022](#)

Today, we have more good news to share. We recently received a report that can be used to compare our MAP scores to scores from other schools from the academic year of 2021-2022.

We are incredibly proud to share our strong results. Our students, across the board, had tremendous success in both achievement and growth, especially compared to other schools in the Midlands, the Diocese, South Carolina, and nationally.

### **MAP Highlights**

- **Saint Joseph School's average RIT scores are above the Diocesan, National Catholic Schools, and National All Schools (private and public) averages—levels that place our school in the top academic echelon of schools.**
- **94.7% of our 6<sup>th</sup> graders met or exceeded achievement expectations in Math as compared to 35.7% of 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students in SC public schools.**
- **84.4% of our 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade students met or exceeded achievement expectations in Reading as compared to 48% of 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade students in SC public schools.**

We knew our teachers were doing great things with our students during a global pandemic, but these scores prove what we suspected. Saint Joseph Catholic School students are learning and growing at levels that place our school in the top academic echelon of schools, both here in the Midlands and within our Diocese, SC, and nationally. We are blessed with dedicated faculty who set high expectations and help our students reach them. The credit also goes to families who partner with us in our mutual commitment to learning. This partnership has proven effective, and our joint efforts should be applauded!

Please use the link [MAP Data 2021-2022](#) or see below to review our school growth and achievement scores compared to other schools in our area, the Diocese, our state, and the nation. You can access a report on all South Carolina public schools by using the link [2022 SC READY Test Scores](#)

We are proud to share this good news with our school community today and hope you will share it with your family and friends. We will also post this great news on our school's website and social media accounts. Please share these posts and share the good news of Saint Joseph throughout our community. Way to go, Saints!

Sincerely,

Donavan F. Yarnall, Ed. S

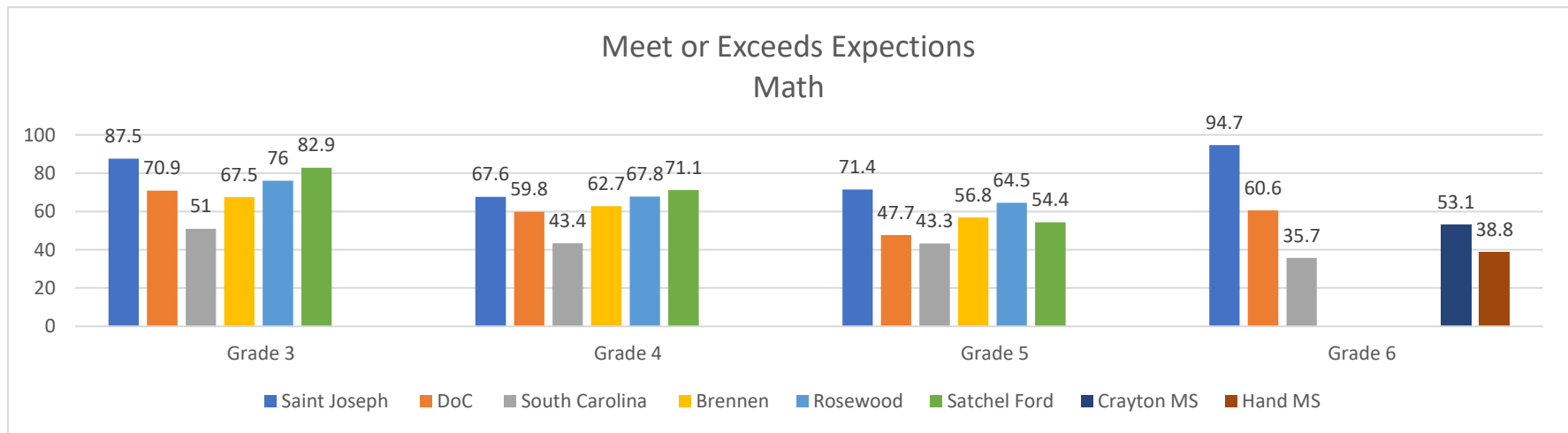
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We are excited to share our outstanding MAP data as it compares to the Diocese of Charleston, the state of South Carolina, selected local Richland One schools, and National data. The information provided is based on 2021-22 school year scores. Achievement and growth were measured from fall 2021 to spring 2022.

**Achievement Scores Math:** Saint Joseph Catholic School; Diocese of Charleston (DoC); State of South Carolina (SC); Brennen Elementary (Grades K-5); Rosewood Elementary (Grades K-5); Satchel Ford Elementary (Grades K-5); Crayton Middle (Grade 6); Hand Middle (Grade 6).

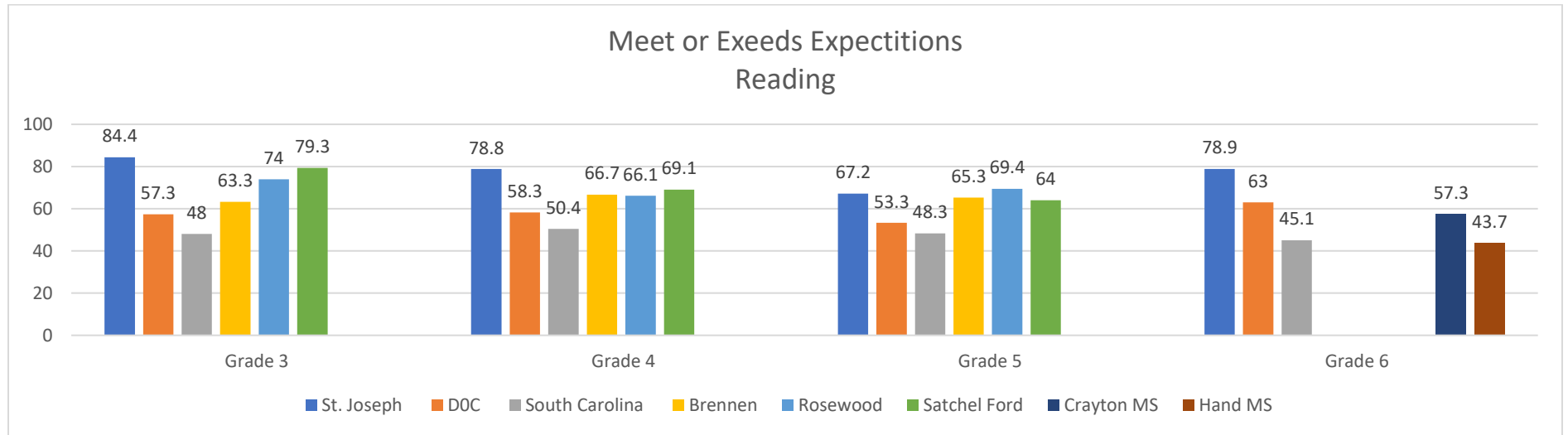
Scores are the percentage of students by grade who Meet or Exceed expectations of the state of South Carolina readiness. The state only gives readiness scores for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up. Scores are based on the 2021-2022 school year. Scores can be found at <https://ed.sc.gov/data/test-scores/state-assessments/sc-ready/2022/>



Math	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade
Saint Joseph	87.5	67.6	71.4	94.7
DoC	70.9	58.8	47.7	60.6
SC	51	43.4	43.3	35.7
Brennen	67.5	62.7	56.8	N/A
Rosewood	76	67.8	64.5	N/A
Satchel Ford	82.9	71.1	54.4	N/A
Crayton MS	N/A	N/A	N/A	53.1
Hand MS	N/A	N/A	N/A	38.8

**Achievement Scores Reading:** Saint Joseph Catholic School; Diocese of Charleston (DoC); State of South Carolina (SC); Brennen Elementary (Grades K-5); Rosewood Elementary (Grades K-5); Satchel Ford Elementary (Grades K-5); Crayton Middle (Grade 6); Hand Middle (Grade 6).

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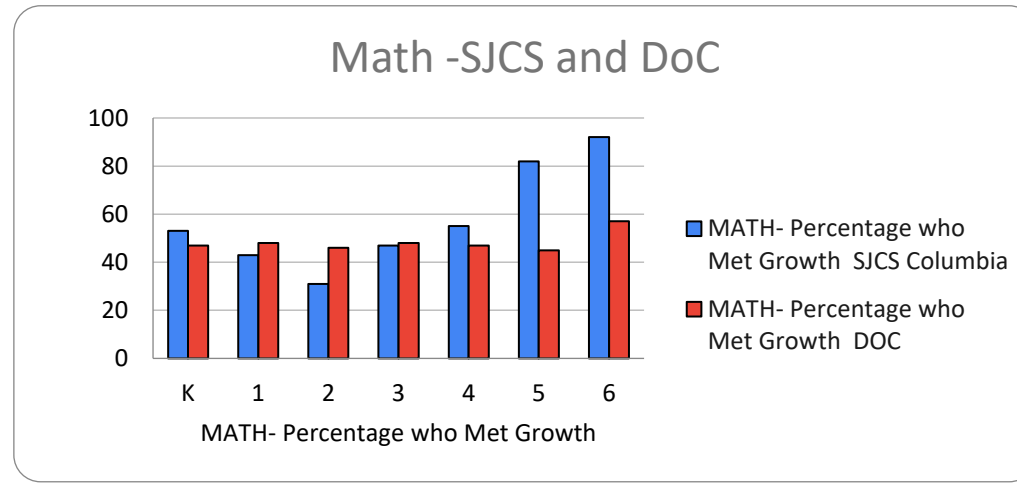


Reading	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade
Saint Joseph	84.4	78.8	67.2	78.9
DoC	57.3	58.3	53.3	63
SC	48	50.4	48.3	45.1
Brennen	63.3	66.7	65.3	N/A
Rosewood	74	66.1	69.4	N/A
Satchel Ford	79.3	69.1	64	N/A
Crayton MS	N/A	N/A	N/A	57.3
Hand MS	N/A	N/A	N/A	43.7

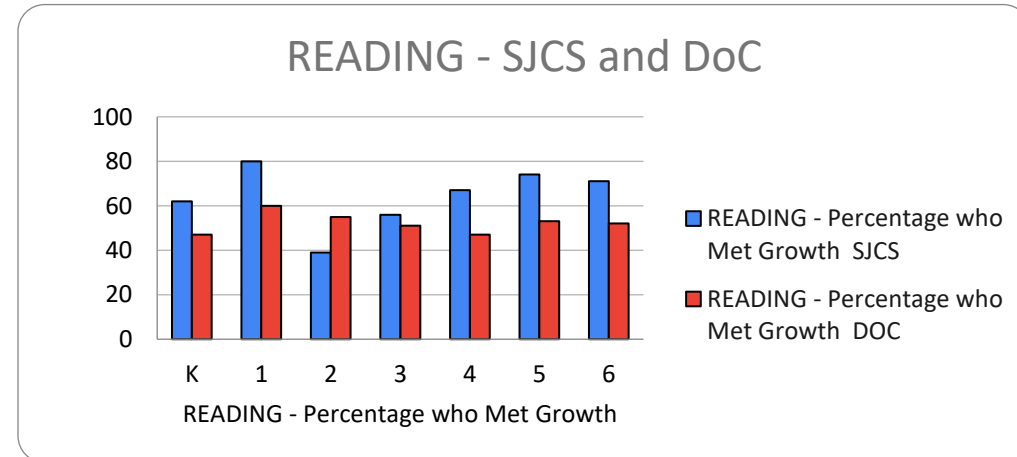
## Growth Scores - Saint Joseph Catholic School (SJCS) Diocese of Charleston (DoC)

Scores are the percentage of students by grade who Meet or Exceed expected growth for an academic year. Scores are based on the 2021-2022 school year. Growth scores are not published for SC public schools.

MATH- Percentage who Met Growth		
	SJCS	DoC
K	53	47
1	43	48
2	31	46
3	47	48
4	55	47
5	82	45
6	92	57



READING - Percentage who Met Growth		
	SJCS	DoC
K	62	47
1	80	60
2	39	55
3	56	51
4	67	47
5	74	53
6	71	52



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MAP Growth uses the RIT (Rasch Unit) scale to help you measure and compare academic achievement and growth. Specifically, the scale measures levels in academic difficulty. The RIT scale extends equally across all grades, making it possible to compare students' scores at various points throughout their education.

