

## ACT- Aspire Achievement Test Results 2016-2017 School Year

In an effort to provide prospective parents and current parents with an easier comparison between public school children and our students, we have adopted the ACT Aspire which is aligned to the Common Core State Standards and tests children using open-ended questions in a digital format. This is our first year taking a test online, and although the children had to get used to the format and time restrictions, we are very pleased with the results.

In past standardized tests, on average, Hilldale students achieved scores between the 80<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles. In other words, our average student outperforms at least eight out of ten students who took the same (SAT-10) nationally. According to the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress, a division of the National Center for Educational Statistics), less than one-third of public school students can read at a level considered proficient for their grade. Typical Hilldale students are reading one or two grade levels ahead of their public school peers.

**High Schools:** It's no surprise that many of our present and former graduating students have been accepted into the best high schools, such as Lick-Wilmerding, University High School, Waldorf High School, International High School, Lowell, Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep, Riordan, Mercy San Francisco, Mercy Burlingame, Jewish Community High School of the Bay, Notre Dame High School in Belmont, Stuart Hall, and Urban High School, and are excelling on their placement tests. Some students skip classes or even grades; most place into honors classes, and many earn academic scholarships. We aim to teach to a higher standard!

The chart below shows the National Percentile Ranking which compares our students' performance to the norm group; you can think of this as the national average. The black line indicates the average score, not 50% correct. Student scores are compared to the average score.

