

Dear BCA and WPS parents,

Greetings and welcome to the month of June! It is hard to believe that we are in the final weeks of the school year!

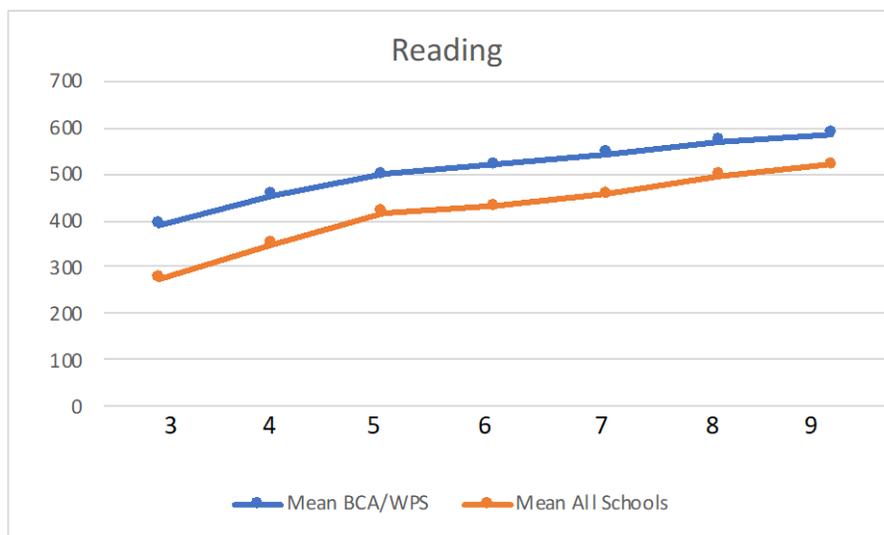
As you may recall, our students in grades 3 through 9 took the International Schools Assessment (ISA) for the first time back in February 2021. This is a standardized assessment taken annually by all ISP schools, as well as many other international schools around the world. I am writing today to share the aggregate (and very positive) results for our school on this assessment and provide some information about how to interpret the individual results for your child which will be sent to you soon.

The ISA assessment consists of three components that measure student performance in reading, mathematics and writing. As shown in the graphs below, our students did extremely well in reading and mathematics.

On the reading assessment, BCA/WPS students consistently averaged 3 years above the international mean. For example in grade 4, our students obtained a mean scaled score of 455 – the mean scaled score for all grade 7 students in the international norm population is 457. In grade 6, our students obtained a mean scaled score of 519, almost the same as the international mean of 521 for 9th grade students.

READING

Average 2-3 years above grade level!

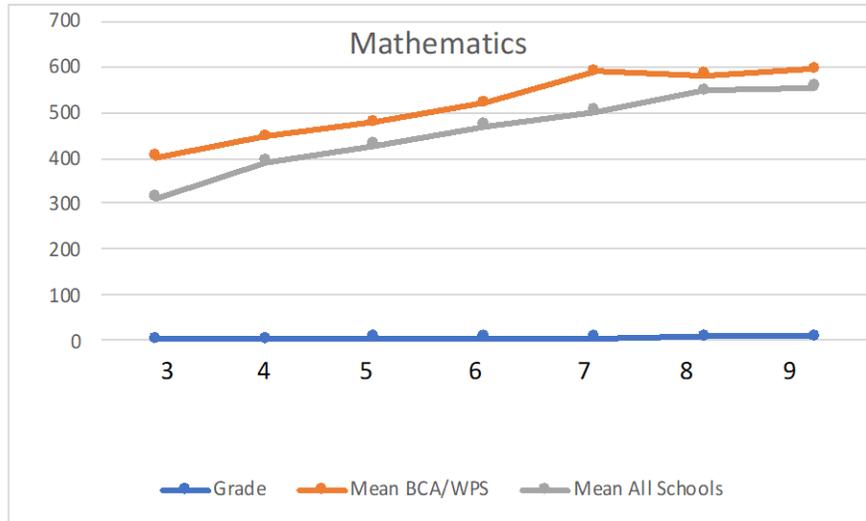


| Grade | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
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| Mean BCA/WPS | 390 | 455 | 499 | 519 | 544 | 569 | 585 |
| Mean All Schools | 275 | 349 | 416 | 430 | 457 | 495 | 521 |

Our students also did very well on the mathematics assessment, on average scoring 1.5 years above the international norm. There seemed to be a ceiling effect on the mathematics exam, with students in grades 7, 8 and 9 all averaging near the maximum score.

MATHEMATICS

Average 1.5 years above grade level

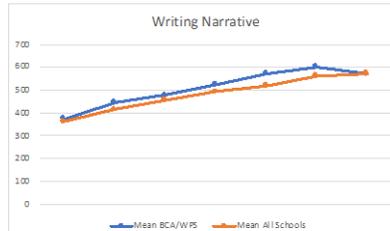


| Grade | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
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| Mean BCA/WPS | 401 | 447 | 477 | 520 | 589 | 581 | 594 |
| Mean All Schools | 312 | 391 | 429 | 469 | 502 | 546 | 554 |

BCA/WPS students also did well on the writing component of the ISA exam, which are reported in two sections – one for narrative and reflective writing, and the other for exposition and argument writing. Our students obtained average scores at or somewhat above the international norm on the writing assessments. However these results are an invitation to assess how we can better support our students to further develop their narrative and exposition writing skills and continue to strive toward excellence in writing.

NARRATIVE/REFLECTIVE WRITING

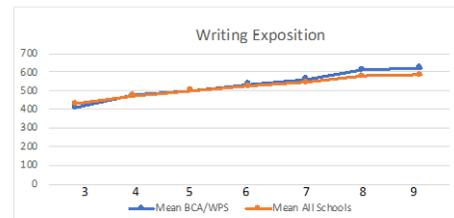
Average 0.5 above grade level



| Grade | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
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| Mean BCA/WPS | 374 | 447 | 475 | 528 | 571 | 611 | 528 |
| Mean All Schools | 302 | 414 | 455 | 491 | 538 | 561 | 571 |

EXPOSITION/ARGUMENT WRITING

Average at grade level

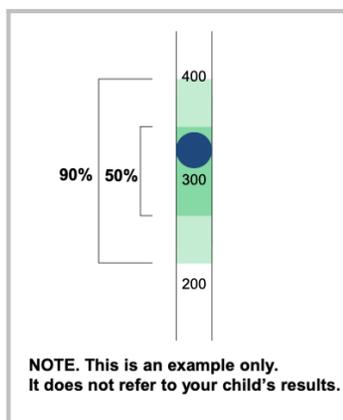


| Grade | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
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| Mean BCA/WPS | 410 | 477 | 500 | 533 | 562 | 612 | 620 |
| Mean All Schools | 450 | 475 | 500 | 523 | 544 | 579 | 585 |

Our teachers are utilizing the ISA assessment results in several ways, including a focus on supporting students in developing writing skills, and identifying students who scored below the international norms and if necessary developing support plans to help them progress in developing their literacy and/or mathematics skills. Our goal for next year is to reduce the number of students who score below the international norms for their grade, and to increase the number of students who score above the 95th percentile on each test.

You will be receiving an individual student report for your child that was generated by ISA. This will be sent via e-mail on June 14th to accompany your child's final report card. Page one of the five page ISA report explains how to interpret the scores, and pages 2-5 summarize the assessment rubric for each of the four tests, with your student's score shown in the right hand column. Individual student scores are shown on a band that shows the international norm for each test at your student's grade level.

Your child's score is shown as a dark blue dot on the band. The darker green band shows the international norm from the 25th to the 75th percentile. If the blue dot is above the dark green band, it means the student scored above the 75th percentile on the test. The lighter green band shows the international norms from the 5th to the 95th percentile. If the blue dot is above the light green band, the student scored above the 95th percentile. If the blue dot is above the dark green band but within the light green band, this means the student scored between the 75th and 95th percentile on the test.



If you have any questions regarding the interpretation of your student's ISA test score, please contact Mr. Lippart at BCA or Mr. Razem at WPS.

Thank you very much for your interest and continued support of our education program at BCA/WPS. Kind regards,

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