

C'ville Test Scores Near Median

Clarenceville fourth and seventh graders tested at about the mid-point in overall scholastic achievement compared with their peers in other districts throughout the state.

Clarenceville's fourth graders wound up with a mean score of 53.1 and seventh graders at 49.2.

A score of 50 means that half the school districts in the state scored higher, half lower. A score of 70 means that 70 per cent of the districts had lower scores and 30 per cent higher.

Percentile rankings, however, showed a sharp difference between overall achievement of the two grades.

FOURTH GRADERS chalked up a percentile rank ranging from 81 to 86, which translates that 81 to 86 per cent of fourth graders in the state's other districts ranked lower.

In contrast, seventh graders were at the 21 to 26 percentile in composite basic achievement scores, meaning

that only 21 to 26 per cent of seventh graders elsewhere in the state ranked lower.

The composite averages include scores achieved in mathematics, reading and written English. Results of the vocabulary test were excluded.

Results of last year's tests ranked Clarenceville fourth graders at the 17th percentile in composite achievement and seventh graders at the 45th percentile.

THIS YEAR'S results showed fourth graders ranking at the 79 to 86 percentile in reading and at the 73 to 86 percentile in math. Average (mean) scores came to 52.9 in reading and 53.1 in math.

Fourth graders also ranked at the 88-92 percentile in vocabulary and at the 60-87 percentile in written English.

Seventh graders turned in these percentiles: 53-67 in vocabulary, 11-17 in reading, 20-31 in written English and 32-44 in math.


SOME WEAKNESSES of the test rankings are disclosed, however, in comparing actual test scores. For example, the mean math test score for Clarenceville seventh graders was 30.3, compared with 52 for Troy. Yet, Clarenceville's percentile rank was 32 to 44 compared with Troy's 61 to 70.

The assessment survey reported Clarenceville with 47.7 professional staff members per 1,000 students which ranked it at the 60th percentile in that category in the state and with 39.6 teachers per 1,000 students or at the 34th percentile.

Clarenceville teachers were found to average 6.3 years of teaching experience, far the 17th percentile in that category - a young faculty.

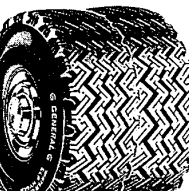
Teachers with masters degrees came to 29.4 per cent of the teaching force and the 3rd percentile. The average teacher salary figured to \$10,195 for the 74th percentile rank - relatively well paid on a statewide scale.

Clarenceville reported at the 38th percentile in socio-economic status. This is a measurement of family income, parents' educational level and parents' occupation.



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Payrolls and payments to suppliers during 1972 at the four General Motors facilities in Livonia totaled \$176 million, setting local records.

A joint year-end statement came from Walter O. Muller, Chevrolet plant manager and chairman of the Livonia GM Plant City Committee; F. Harger Green, Fisher Body plant manager; Dick T. French, GM Parts Division manager; and Roger J. Browne, in charge of the Cadillac Motor Car Division - Livonia operation.

Payrolls totaled an estimated \$85 million in 1972, a \$5 million increase over the previous record set in 1971.

IN ADDITION to the record payrolls, GM spent a substantial amount of money on benefits for each employee. For example, almost \$3,000 per average hourly employee was paid by General Motors for such items as insurance premiums, pension contributions and social security taxes during 1972.

Purchases of goods and services from more than 2,200 suppliers within a 75-mile radius of Livonia totaled nearly \$91 million, an increase of \$3.6 million over last year's previous record.

The more than 6,900 GM employees set another record with their payroll deductions for U.S. savings bonds when they invested \$2.1 million in the program.

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