

# City's Schools Ranked Among Nation's Highest

Educational development among high school students in Birmingham is well above the national average, according to an analysis of tests recently conducted by the Science Research Associates, Inc., of Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Lyle Spencer, president of Science Research, before a group of PTA officers, board of education members, faculty, and other interested members of the public meeting at the Little Theater in the high school said results of the tests indicate Birmingham has the highest of an exceptional school system.

"Of the hundreds of thousands of tests, and the thousands of school systems tested around the country, Birmingham ranks in the top five per cent," said Spencer. "And that includes some highly regarded private schools."

In a comparison of Birmingham to other suburban communities of like nature, Spencer said he could not think of more than five or six communities that rank equal to Birmingham or surpass it.

THE TESTS themselves, called the Iowa Tests of Educational Development, were taken in September by high school students from grade 9 through grade 12.

They covered a large range of educational material and tested the power of the students to apply the various skills supposed to be learned in school.

Material in the tests measured the student's understanding of basic scientific concepts, knowledge of natural science, mathematical ability, English usage, comprehension and interpretation of reading matter, and general vocabulary.

SPENCER OUTLINED that the tests are valuable in helping the individual student to understand his potentialities, his strength and his weaknesses. Through analysis of the test, the school administrators can study the instructional program to discover areas that are weak and require extra study and attention.

The tests will help teachers to early identify students of high potential, and will aid educators in helping a student to make a selection of a college or course of study where he can best develop his potentialities.

The area in which Birmingham students seem to be the least accomplished is mathematics. Paul Carter, assistant superintendent in charge of instruction, stated, "This does not mean that

we have fallen so far behind in this area, and we have been working to improve mathematics for many years."

SPENCER STATED that the results of the tests cannot be entirely attributed to the excellence of the school system. The socio-economic position of Birmingham, and the fact that intellectual ratio of the parents is high, also are factors in the picture.

"However, from our experience," said Spencer, "we are certain that without a very superior school system the very high level of scores could not have been reached."

Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, said, "We are pleased and proud of these test results. However, we can find no cause for self complacency. We recognize we have a group of students with exceptionally high potentialities and we realize we must strive all the harder to help these students to realize their full potentialities."

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