

Wakulla High School 2016 Graduates Exceed State Scores on ACT

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Wakulla High School's Senior Class of 2016 outscored their counterparts in Florida on the American College Test (ACT) in English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and on the composite score.

The ACT is one of the common national tests taken for college entrance qualifications, including meeting requirements to take dual enrollment college courses while still in high school. It is also one of the tests used for determining eligibility for Florida Bright Futures scholarships.

On the ACT, WHS 2016 graduates averaged 20.4 in English (state average 18.9). In Mathematics, WHS scored 20.6 (state 19.5).

WHS Reading scores averaged 22.3 (state 21.1). WHS Science scores came in at 20.9 (state 19.5). The overall average composite score for WHS graduates was 21.2 (state 19.9).

In addition, the WHS Class of 2016 increased the average in every category from the previous year's WHS scores. Also increasing the number of students who tested their senior year, 159 WHS graduates of 2016 took the ACT while 135 seniors took it in 2015.

States Superintendent Bobby Pearce, "The trend for our students to exceed the state average in all areas of a nationally standardized college entrance exam is a tribute to the hard work being done to graduate every student with the college and career readiness skills needed for whatever jobs they pursue."

WHS offers the ACT on the WHS campus in lieu of students having to drive to Tallahassee to take it in an unfamiliar setting. Students are encouraged to take the ACT and/or the SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) in order to broaden their options for after high school.

They can prepare for doing well on the ACT and on other college entrance exams by taking advantage of the rigorous curricula offered at Wakulla High School such as Advanced Placement courses and college dual enrollment courses from Tallahassee Community College, Florida State University, and Florida A & M University at no cost to parents.

"Students are encouraged to take the ACT and the SAT several times to improve their scores, starting in the fall of their junior year at the latest," notes WHS Principal Mike Barwick.

Wakulla High School continues to increase college and career information dissemination efforts, including hosting Parent Nights several times a year. For more information on taking the ACT or the SAT, contact the Wakulla High School Guidance Department or Dean of Student Services Priscilla Tucker at 926-2221.

