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## DSHS RESULTS ON ENTRANCE EXAMS TOP STATE, NATIONAL AVERAGES

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Dripping Springs High School students recorded strong scores on college-entrance exams taken last spring, with results being significantly higher than state and national averages.

On the ACT, DSHS students recorded an average composite score of 24.3, which 16.3 percent higher than the Texas average (20.9) and 15.7 percent better than the national (21.0) average. In 2014, 154 out of 334 graduates – or 46 percent of seniors – took the ACT.

The percentage of Dripping Springs High School seniors taking the ACT who were categorized as “College Ready” in all four academic areas (English, Algebra, Social Studies, Biology) was 49 percent, which was nearly double the college readiness marks for Texas and the U.S. (both 26 percent). College readiness also was determined by subject area; for DSHS those figures were 88 percent for English Composition, 69 percent for Algebra, 72 percent for Social Science, and 60 percent for Biology. When comparing single-subject college readiness marks, all of Dripping Springs’ percentages were significantly higher than state and national averages.

Dripping Springs students enjoyed similar success on the SAT exam, posting an average composite score of 1618 (Math-549, Critical Reading-549; Writing-520). The DSHS average score was 13.0 percent higher when compared with state-level peers (1432 average) and 8.1 percent higher than the national average (1497). In 2014, 255 out of 334 seniors tested, or 77 percent.

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