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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 24.6, which is 17.7 percent higher than the Texas average (20.9) and 17.1 percent better than the national average (21.0). It also represents an increase of .3 from than the 2014 average score. In 2015, 256 out of 331 graduates – or 77 percent of seniors – took the ACT. That represents a large increase (+102) over the number of DSHS test-takers from the previous year.

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 45 percent, which was significantly higher than the college readiness marks for Texas (27 percent). College readiness also

was determined by subject area; for DSHS those figures were 87 percent for English Composition, 68 percent for Algebra, 68 percent for Social Science, and 59 percent for Biology. When comparing single-subject college readiness marks, all of Dripping Springs’ percentages were significantly higher than state average.

Dripping Springs students enjoyed similar success on the SAT exam, posting an average composite score of 1629 (Math-555, Critical Reading-550; Writing-524). The DSHS average score was 15.5 percent higher when compared with state-level peers (1410 average) and 9.3 percent higher than

the national average (1490). DSHS scores increased from the previous year (+11), while both the state and national averages dropped. In 2015, 242 out of 331 Dripping Springs seniors – or 73 percent – took the SAT.