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DSHS STUDENTS EXCEL ON COLLEGE-ENTRANCE EXAMS

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 24.7, which is 19.9 percent higher than the Texas average (20.6) and 18.7 percent better than the national average (20.8). It also represents a slight increase (.1) from than the 2015 DSHS average score. In 2016, 238 out of 362 graduates – or 66 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 Science, Biology) was 55 percent, which was more than double the college readiness marks for Texas (26 percent). College readiness also was determined by subject area; for DSHS those figures were 87 percent for English Composition, 71 percent for Algebra, 76 percent for Social Science, and 67 percent for Biology. DSHS students increased in all the college readiness areas as compared to a year ago. 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 1671 (Math-568, Critical Reading-566; Writing-537). The DSHS average score was 15.5 percent higher when compared with state-level peers (1393 average) and 9.3 percent higher than the national average (1484). DSHS scores increased substantially from the previous year (+42), while both the state and national averages dropped. In 2016, 228 out of 362 Dripping Springs seniors – or 63 percent – took the SAT.

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