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DRIPPING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EXCEL ON ENTRANCE EXAMS

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Dripping Springs High School students excelled on college-entrance exams taken last spring, with results being much higher than state and national averages. On both major national exams, DSHS scores increased over last year; the national average fell on the ACT and remained constant on the SAT.

On the ACT, DSHS students recorded an average composite score of 25, which is 18 percent higher than both the Texas and national average of 20.9. In 2013, 49 percent of DSHS 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 59 percent, which was more than double the college readiness marks for Texas and the nation (26 percent). College readiness also was determined by subject area; for DSHS those figures were 91 percent for English Composition, 86 percent for Algebra, 79 percent for Social Science, and 68 percent for Biology. When comparing single-subject college readiness marks, all of Dripping Springs’ percentages were significantly higher than state and national averages. DSHS College Ready percentages increased over 2012 marks in four of five areas.

Dripping Springs students enjoyed similar success on the SAT exam, posting an average composite score of 1132 (Math-567 and Critical Reading-565). The DSHS average score was 16 percent higher when compared with state-level peers and 12 percent higher than the national average. When combined with the newer Writing element score (536), the DSHS average score was 1668, compared to averages of 1437 for Texas students and 1498 nationally. A total of 251 (79 percent) of Dripping Springs seniors tested.

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