



USD 497 NEWS

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Lawrence Students Shine on ACT

Lawrence high school students' ACT scores continue to exceed both state and national averages, indicating that they receive a rigorous core curriculum and are well prepared for college-level coursework. In 2009-10, 535 Lawrence high school students completed ACT testing (270 at Free State High and 265 at Lawrence High). The ACT consists of curriculum-based tests of educational development in English, mathematics, reading, and science, designed to measure skills needed for success in first-year college coursework.

ACT has released the following report for the Lawrence Public Schools:

Year	Students Tested	Lawrence Average	LFSHS	LHS	Kansas	Nation
2005-06	496	23.0	23.0	22.9	21.8	21.1
2006-07	553	23.2	23.4	23.0	21.9	21.2
2007-08	547	23.3	23.1	23.4	22.0	21.1
2008-09	530	23.5	23.7	23.2	21.9	21.1
2009-10	535	23.4	23.6	23.2	22.0	21.0

Free State High's composite averages for the four tested subject areas (as compared to state averages) were: English, 23.5 (21.4); math, 23.1 (21.7); reading, 24.1 (22.3); and science, 23.2 (21.9). Lawrence High's composite averages for the four subject areas (as compared to state averages) were: English, 22.9 (21.4); math, 22.8 (21.7); reading, 23.7 (22.3); and science, 22.9 (21.9).

The ACT is scored on a scale of 1 to 36, with 36 being the highest possible score. ACT scores are accepted at virtually all colleges and universities across the nation. The test is administered in all 50 states and is the predominant college entrance exam in 25 states.

Find more information about ACT on the Web at www.act.org.

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