



USD 497 NEWS

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Lawrence Students Shine on ACT

Lawrence students' ACT composite scores exceed both state and national averages. In 2006-07, 553 Lawrence students completed ACT testing (266 at Free State High and 287 at Lawrence High). This number is up from 496 students taking the exam the previous year. 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	Lawrence Average	LHS	LFSHS	Kansas	Nation
2002-03	23.1	22.6	23.5	21.5	20.8
2003-04	23.7	23.2	24.2	21.6	20.9
2004-05	22.8	22.2	23.3	21.7	20.9
2005-06	23.0	22.9	23.0	21.8	21.1
2006-07	23.1	23.0	23.4	21.9	21.2

Lawrence Free State's composite averages for the four subject areas were: English, 23.4; math, 22.5; reading, 24.3; and science, 22.9. Lawrence High's composite averages for the subject areas were: English, 22.8; mathematics, 22.6; reading, 23.7; and science, 22.5. State averages were 21.4, 21.6, 22.4 and 21.7, respectively, while national averages were 20.7, 21.0, 21.5 and 21.0, respectively.

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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