

Pattonville ACT scores make impressive gain

Scores continue to be above state, national averages

Recent results on the 2005-06 ACT college entrance exam showed a significant increase in scores by Pattonville High School students. The 223 students who took the ACT earned a composite score of 22.1, the highest score attained by Pattonville students in the past five years.

In addition, more students took the ACT in 2005-06 than in the previous year. Pattonville students also continue to score above state and national averages on the ACT, as demonstrated by the most recent scores released. The 2005-06 state composite score was 21.6, and the national composite was 21.1.

Pattonville High School Principal Jeff Marion said a focus on offering more challenging courses and increasing the rigor of course offerings at the high school have helped improve test scores. The number of honors, advanced placement and college credit courses available to students has increased significantly, and low track courses have been eliminated at Pattonville High School. All freshmen are now required to take algebra through the Algebra for All program, which ensures that students master algebraic concepts before moving on in the course.

The ACT tests students in English, mathematics, reading and science. The tests are designed to measure the skills needed for success in the first year of college.