

## Both New Berlin High Schools' Graduate ACT Composite Scores Among Best in Area

New Berlin, Wis. – The School District of New Berlin’s composite ACT scores for graduating students remain among the best among southeastern Wisconsin high schools, with both Eisenhower and West ranked among the top 10.

Eisenhower’s composite score of 24.4 ranks fourth and West’s 23.0 is 10th among more than 30 comparable high schools including all those in the Woodland Conference and Waukesha County, and others. West’s rank is a three-year high.

“We’re very pleased with the ACT results and are proud of our students’ and staffs’ efforts that allow us to be compared favorably to our peers,” Superintendent Joe Garza said. “There is always room for improvement, and we’ll look closer at the results to see where those improvements can be made. But these scores affirm that our students continue to leave our schools prepared for their future.”

Both Eisenhower’s and West’s scores dipped by 0.3 points from their 2014-15 composite averages. Schools across the state, however, including nearly all schools in New Berlin’s local comparison group, experienced lower scores. The decreases are likely a reflection of a statewide change that requires all juniors to take the test. A record 97 percent of students took the exam across the district; 98.5 percent at West and 95.7 percent at Eisenhower.

“We’ve always had high participation rates for our ACT tests, with favorable results,” Garza added. “We’re excited to see that our scores remain fairly steady even after adding students that might not have taken the test in the past.”

The ACT consists of tests in English, math, reading science and writing, and assesses how ready students are for college coursework in those areas. The SDNB uses ACT data, among other assessments and data points, to continually improve academic achievement for all students in every school and classroom.

Looking deeper at the scores, Eisenhower’s highest subject scores (see chart below) were in math (25.1) and science (24.3), where the school ranked second only to Whitefish Bay among local, comparable schools. West’s top scores came in reading (23.1) and math and science (both 23.0).

High Schools	ACT Composite
1. Whitefish Bay	25.6
2. Brookfield East	24.6
2. Mequon-Thiensville	24.6
4. New Berlin Eisenhower	24.4
5. Brookfield Central	24.1
6. Arrowhead	24.0
6. Pewaukee	24.0
8. Shorewood	23.6
9. Greendale	23.4
10. New Berlin West	23.0
11. Nicolet	22.9
12. Wauwatosa East	22.8
13. Muskego	22.7
14. Franklin	22.4
15. Hamilton	22.3
15. Kettle Moraine	22.3
15. Menomonee Falls	22.3
18. Whitnall	22.2
19. Mukwonago	21.7
20. Waukesha West	21.6

<b>Class of 2016</b>	<b>Percent Tested</b>	<b>English ACT Score</b>	<b>Math ACT Score</b>	<b>Reading ACT Score</b>	<b>Science ACT Score</b>	<b>Writing ACT Score*</b>	<b>Composite ACT Score</b>
Eisenhower	95.7%	24.0	25.1	23.6	24.3	6.6	24.4
West	98.5%	22.2	23	23.1	23.0	6.5	23.0
Composite	97.0%	23.1	24.1	23.4	23.7	6.5	23.7
State Ave.	91.4%	19.4	20.3	20.5	20.5	6.1	20.3

\* NOTE: The ACT Writing score is based out of a maximum of 12 total. The other subjects have a maximum of 36 points.

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