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South Carolina ACT Results Show Steady Improvement

COLUMBIA – Today, the South Carolina Department of Education released the ACT test results for 2014, which showed a marked improvement over 2013.

“South Carolina students are to be commended for their performance on the 2014 ACT test,” said Dr. Mick Zais, State Superintendent of Education. “While South Carolina’s average ACT composite score was slightly under the national average, its proximity proves that we are making progress. These are positive results that we can build on for the future,” concluded Zais.

More South Carolina students took the ACT in 2014 than ever before. There was a 12.7 percent increase in the number of public school students who took the test compared to 2013. Likewise, there was an 11.3 percent increase in the number of all students who took the test in 2014.

The national average ACT composite score was 21.0, up by 0.1 points compared to last year. South Carolina’s average ACT composite score of 20.4 was slightly under the national average. Public school students increased their mean composite score by 0.1 points to 20.2. The mean composite score of 20.4 for all students was unchanged from 2013.

The ACT tests students in four subject areas: English, math, reading, and science. While composite statewide students’ scores for English and math showed no change from 2013, there was a 0.1 point increase in both reading and science for 2014.

According to ACT officials, districts and schools that have a 0.3 point increase or greater show statistically significant improvement. In South Carolina, 32 school districts along with 94 schools saw increases of 0.3 or greater in scores over 2013. Those districts and schools are listed in the tables below:

| District | Mean Composite Score | | Change in Scores |
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| | 2013 | 2014 | |
| ABBEVILLE | 19.0 | 21.0 | 2.0 |
| ANDERSON 1 | 21.8 | 22.7 | 0.9 |
| ANDERSON 5 | 20.5 | 20.9 | 0.4 |
| BAMBERG 1 | 18.6 | 19.3 | 0.7 |
| BARNWELL 19 | 15.2 | 16.5 | 1.3 |
| BARNWELL 29 | 17.7 | 19.4 | 1.7 |
| BARNWELL 45 | 18.9 | 20.1 | 1.2 |
| BERKELEY | 19.5 | 20.1 | 0.6 |
| CHESTER | 18.1 | 18.8 | 0.7 |
| CLARENDON 2 | 17.8 | 18.3 | 0.5 |
| COLLETON | 16.7 | 17.9 | 1.2 |
| DILLON 3 | 16.4 | 18.4 | 2.0 |
| DORCHESTER 4 | 17.1 | 17.6 | 0.5 |
| EDGEFIELD | 19.1 | 20.5 | 1.4 |
| FAIRFIELD | 15.9 | 16.6 | 0.7 |
| FLORENCE 2 | 18.5 | 20.7 | 2.2 |
| FLORENCE 5 | 18.9 | 19.4 | 0.5 |
| GEORGETOWN | 19.2 | 19.6 | 0.4 |
| KERSHAW | 20.3 | 20.8 | 0.5 |
| LANCASTER | 18.3 | 19.6 | 1.3 |
| LAURENS 55 | 18.7 | 19.4 | 0.7 |
| LEXINGTON 1 | 21.9 | 22.3 | 0.4 |
| ORANGEBURG 4 | 17.1 | 17.8 | 0.7 |
| PICKENS | 21.8 | 22.4 | 0.6 |
| RICHLAND 1 | 18.2 | 18.7 | 0.5 |
| SALUDA | 18.5 | 19.2 | 0.7 |
| SPARTANBURG 1 | 20.0 | 20.7 | 0.7 |
| SPARTANBURG 2 | 20.5 | 21.1 | 0.6 |
| SPARTANBURG 4 | 20.3 | 21.6 | 1.3 |
| SUMTER | 17.8 | 18.3 | 0.5 |
| YORK 1 (YORK) | 19.5 | 20.7 | 1.2 |
| YORK 2 (CLOVER) | 22.1 | 22.7 | 0.6 |
| SC SCHOOL OF BLIND AND DEAF | 12.7 | 14.4 | 1.7 |
| GOVERNOR'S SCHOOLS | 27.4 | 27.8 | 0.4 |

| School | Mean Composite Score | | Change in Scores |
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| | 2013 | 2014 | |
| ABBEVILLE HIGH | 19.1 | 20.8 | 1.7 |
| DIXIE HIGH | 18.7 | 21.2 | 2.5 |
| AIKEN HIGH | 22.8 | 23.6 | 0.8 |
| NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH | 20.5 | 20.9 | 0.4 |
| RIDGE SPRING MONETTA HIGH | 16.6 | 18.6 | 2.0 |
| PALMETTO HIGH | 21.0 | 22.2 | 1.2 |
| WREN HIGH | 22.2 | 23.1 | 0.9 |
| T. L. HANNA HIGH | 22.1 | 22.9 | 0.8 |
| BAMBERG-EHRHARDT HIGH | 18.6 | 19.3 | 0.7 |
| BLACKVILLE-HILDA HIGH | 15.2 | 16.5 | 1.3 |
| WILLISTON-ELKO HIGH | 17.7 | 19.4 | 1.7 |
| BARNWELL HIGH | 18.9 | 20.1 | 1.2 |
| BEAUFORT HIGH | 20.5 | 20.9 | 0.4 |
| BATTERY CREEK HIGH | 18.8 | 19.1 | 0.3 |
| BERKELEY HIGH | 19.2 | 19.5 | 0.3 |
| CROSS HIGH | 16.5 | 17.1 | 0.6 |
| GOOSE CREEK HIGH | 18.6 | 19.9 | 1.3 |
| HANAHAN HIGH | 20.6 | 21.1 | 0.5 |
| CANE BAY HIGH | 19.4 | 20.0 | 0.6 |
| BAPTIST HILL HIGH | 13.7 | 15.6 | 1.9 |
| MILITARY MAGNET ACADEMY | 14.3 | 15.6 | 1.3 |
| ACADEMIC MAGNET HIGH | 28.7 | 29.5 | 0.8 |
| JAMES ISLAND CHARTER HIGH | 20.3 | 21.2 | 0.9 |
| GAFFNEY HIGH | 18.9 | 19.4 | 0.5 |
| GREAT FALLS HIGH | 17.0 | 19.0 | 2.0 |
| LEWISVILLE HIGH | 19.0 | 20.3 | 1.3 |
| CENTRAL HIGH | 18.3 | 18.8 | 0.5 |
| MANNING HIGH | 17.8 | 18.3 | 0.5 |
| COLLETON COUNTY HIGH | 16.7 | 17.9 | 1.2 |
| HARTSVILLE HIGH | 18.1 | 18.9 | 0.8 |
| LAMAR HIGH | 16.7 | 18.0 | 1.3 |
| LATTA HIGH | 16.4 | 18.4 | 2.0 |
| WOODLAND HIGH | 17.1 | 17.6 | 0.5 |
| STROM THURMOND HIGH | 19.1 | 20.5 | 1.4 |
| FAIRFIELD CENTRAL HIGH | 15.9 | 16.6 | 0.7 |
| SOUTH FLORENCE HIGH | 18.3 | 18.9 | 0.6 |
| HANNAH PAMPLICO HIGH | 18.5 | 20.7 | 2.2 |

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| JOHNSONVILLE HIGH | 18.9 | 19.4 | 0.5 |
| GEORGETOWN HIGH | 17.3 | 18.9 | 1.6 |
| CARVERS BAY HIGH | 17.5 | 18.9 | 1.4 |
| BEREA HIGH | 17.4 | 18.3 | 0.9 |
| GREER HIGH | 19.5 | 19.8 | 0.3 |
| WADE HAMPTON HIGH | 22.6 | 23.0 | 0.4 |
| HILLCREST HIGH | 19.8 | 20.9 | 1.1 |
| RIVERSIDE HIGH | 23.4 | 24.1 | 0.7 |
| WOODMONT HIGH | 19.4 | 21.5 | 2.1 |
| BRASHIER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER | 21.4 | 21.8 | 0.4 |
| GREENWOOD HIGH | 20.9 | 21.4 | 0.5 |
| AYNOR HIGH | 20.7 | 21.2 | 0.5 |
| CONWAY HIGH | 18.9 | 19.2 | 0.3 |
| HCS EARLY COLLEGE HIGH | 20.9 | 21.3 | 0.4 |
| ACADEMY FOR ARTS/SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY | 20.9 | 23.1 | 2.2 |
| NORTH CENTRAL HIGH | 17.6 | 19.8 | 2.2 |
| CAMDEN HIGH | 19.9 | 21.0 | 1.1 |
| INDIAN LAND HIGH | 20.6 | 22.2 | 1.6 |
| LANCASTER HIGH | 16.7 | 18.0 | 1.3 |
| LAURENS DISTRICT 55 HIGH | 18.7 | 19.4 | 0.7 |
| GILBERT HIGH | 20.8 | 21.2 | 0.4 |
| LEXINGTON HIGH | 22.9 | 23.6 | 0.7 |
| PELION HIGH | 19.9 | 20.3 | 0.4 |
| BROOKLAND-CAYCE SENIOR HIGH | 19.3 | 20.0 | 0.7 |
| CHAPIN HIGH | 22.6 | 23.1 | 0.5 |
| DUTCH FORK HIGH | 22.0 | 22.4 | 0.4 |
| MULLINS HIGH | 15.8 | 16.5 | 0.7 |
| CREEK BRIDGE HIGH | 15.3 | 15.9 | 0.6 |
| WALHALLA HIGH | 22.0 | 22.6 | 0.6 |
| EDISTO HIGH | 16.6 | 18.3 | 1.7 |
| HUNTER-KINARD-TYLER HIGH | 15.5 | 15.8 | 0.3 |
| NORTH MIDDLE/HIGH | 16.2 | 17.3 | 1.1 |
| D. W. DANIEL HIGH | 23.5 | 24.1 | 0.6 |
| EASLEY HIGH | 21.7 | 22.1 | 0.4 |
| LIBERTY HIGH | 20.6 | 21.1 | 0.5 |
| PICKENS HIGH | 21.3 | 21.8 | 0.5 |
| DREHER HIGH | 20.0 | 20.9 | 0.9 |
| A. C. FLORA HIGH | 21.1 | 22.1 | 1.0 |
| LOWER RICHLAND HIGH | 16.6 | 18.0 | 1.4 |
| RICHLAND ONE CHARTER MIDDLE COLLEGE | 17.6 | 18.4 | 0.8 |

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| RICHLAND NORTHEAST HIGH | 19.0 | 20.2 | 1.2 |
| RIDGE VIEW HIGH | 18.8 | 19.4 | 0.6 |
| WESTWOOD HIGH | 16.6 | 17.1 | 0.5 |
| SALUDA HIGH | 18.5 | 19.2 | 0.7 |
| LANDRUM HIGH | 20.1 | 21.5 | 1.4 |
| BOILING SPRINGS HIGH | 20.3 | 21.1 | 0.8 |
| WOODRUFF HIGH | 20.3 | 21.6 | 1.3 |
| SUMTER HIGH | 18.2 | 19.0 | 0.8 |
| KINGSTREE HIGH | 14.8 | 15.5 | 0.7 |
| C. E. MURRAY HIGH | 15.2 | 15.5 | 0.3 |
| YORK COMPREHENSIVE HIGH | 19.5 | 20.7 | 1.2 |
| CLOVER HIGH | 22.1 | 22.7 | 0.6 |
| SOUTH POINTE HIGH | 19.9 | 20.4 | 0.5 |
| NATION FORD HIGH | 22.7 | 23.1 | 0.4 |
| PROVOST ACADEMY SOUTH CAROLINA | 19.3 | 22.2 | 2.9 |
| SC SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND | 12.7 | 14.4 | 1.7 |
| GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ARTS AND HUMANITIES | 24.8 | 25.1 | 0.3 |

This year, there were 14 districts and 62 schools with composite scores of 21.0 or above, meeting or exceeding the national average.

Attached to this press release are the spreadsheets for districts and schools, along with the profile and condition reports for South Carolina from the ACT.

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