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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
	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
	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

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

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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