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### Marana ACT scores higher than national & state average

August 22, 2012 (**Marana, AZ.**) – Marana Unified School District’s (MUSD) high school students scored higher than national and state average on the ACT college entrance exam, according to data released today by the independent nonprofit ACT.

MUSD high school students (the graduating class of 2012) averaged 23.3 on the ACT composite score. This is higher than the state average at 19.7 or the national average at 21.1 (based on a scale of 1 to 36).

In addition, the data showed that MUSD test takers have a higher average score in all testing areas (English, Mathematics, Reading, Science) than state and national scores. Scores showed the highest in Reading with (24.0) and Mathematics with (23.3).

<b>Average ACT Scores</b>															
<b>Grad Year 2012</b>															
<b>MUSD Total Tested : 106</b>															
<b>Composite</b>															
<b>District</b>			<b>State</b>			<b>National</b>									
23.3			19.7			21.1									
<b>English</b>				<b>Mathematics</b>				<b>Reading</b>				<b>Science</b>			
District	State	National	District	State	National	District	State	National	District	State	National				
22.9	18.6	20.5	23.3	20.3	21.1	24.0	19.7	21.3	22.7	19.5	20.9				

The number of District students participating in the test rose from 80 students last year to 106 in 2012.

“I am pleased to see our students’ scores are higher than the national and state level,” states Dr. Doug Wilson MUSD superintendent. “We believe that all of our students will meet or exceed benchmarks.”  
 “Our teachers continue to work hard to provide Marana students a rigorous and relevant educational

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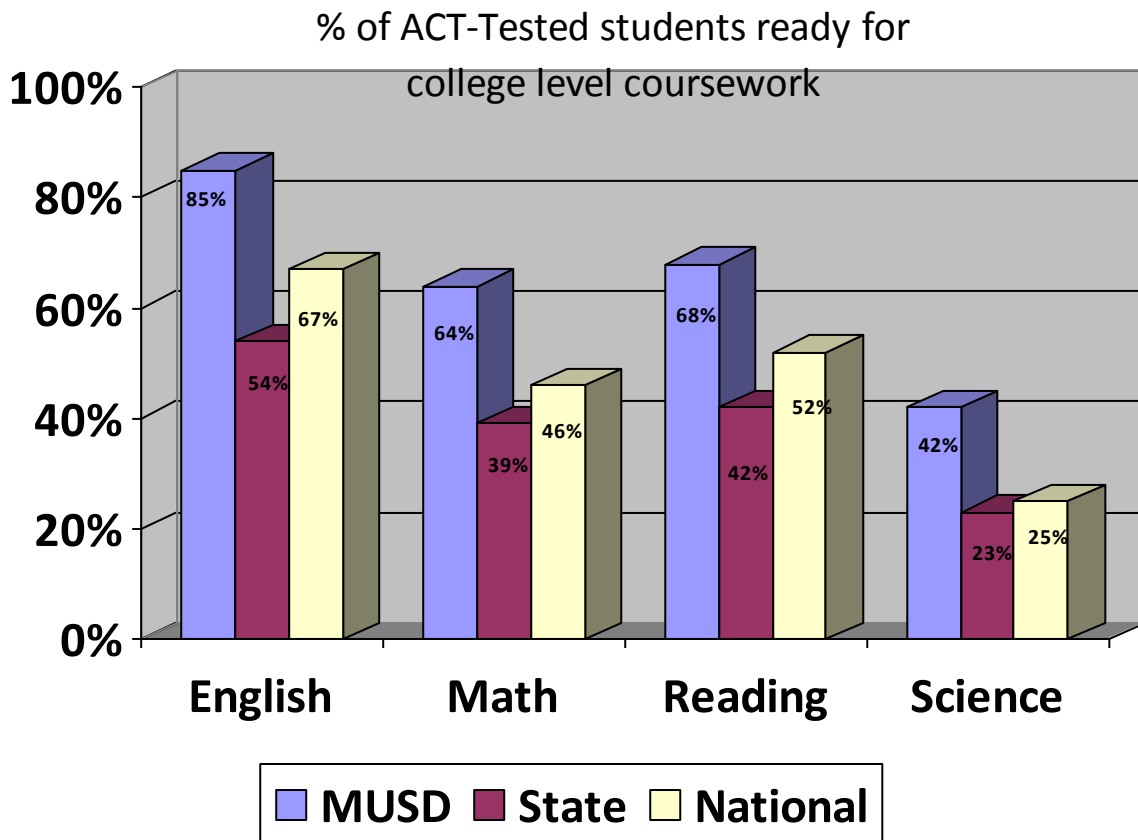
experience to be college and career ready,” states Dr. Wilson. “Our students are provided incredible opportunities in our schools including advanced placement and dual enrollment courses, not to mention state-of-the-art facilities where we are preparing students for success in an ever-changing global environment.”

The percentage of students also exceeded the college readiness benchmarks set by ACT in all four subjects:

- 85% college English composition
- 64% college algebra
- 68% college social science
- 42% college biology.

ACT Test	Benchmark Score
English	18
Mathematics	22
Reading	21
Science	24

Benchmarks are the minimum score needed in an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college courses.



The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. ACT results are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the U.S. The concept for the American College Testing Program emerged in the 1950s, and the organization itself was founded in 1959. [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)  
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