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East Troy High School Sees Improvements in ACT Scores, Participation

District makes progress on ensuring all students receive a high-quality education

EAST TROY, Wis. — The East Troy High School graduating class of 2013 had a composite ACT score of 22.6, improving on its scores from years past and pacing it above the state and national averages.

The high school had a participation rate of 74.6 percent this past year, which was higher than the previous year's rate of 70.6 percent. Across the state, about 71 percent of all high school graduates took the ACT exam and had a composite of 22.1, according to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

"As a school district, we are very pleased to see these improvements in our ACT scores and participation rates," said Dr. Chris Hibner, Superintendent of the East Troy Community School District. "We not only have improved upon our composite score this year, but have done so with an increased participation rate over the last few years.

For example, the class of 2008 had a 55.6 percent participation rate and a composite of 22.0, which improved to 70.6 percent and 22.1 for the class of 2012. This year's results improved to an even greater degree.

"These results show us that, as a district, we are moving in the right direction toward becoming the true district of choice," Dr. Hibner said. "We're proud of these scores because they represent the work of our district, but we know that we have a lot of work to do to accomplish the ambitious goals we've set for our district, our teachers and our students."

The ACT is a college admission examination that tests students in math, reading, science and English. All U.S. colleges and universities accept ACT results, and the test is considered to be a reliable indicator of college readiness. Students can take the exam on any of six dates scheduled throughout the school year.

East Troy's 2013 composite was 4.0 points higher than in 2012, and the school's students scored 21.6 in English, 22.2 in math, 22.7 in reading and 23.3 in science.

In addition, earlier this year U.S. News & World Report recognized East Troy as one of the best high schools in Wisconsin, as it scored above the state average in reading and math proficiency. The magazine also gave the school a Silver Medal, ranking it in the top 20 percent of high schools nationally.

"We continue to focus on providing students with a year-plus of learning growth within each grade level and each year, and so far our efforts are showing some real results. We must continue to focus on high student engagement throughout our entire district toward ensuring student success in an ever-changing global landscape," said Dr. Hibner. "We must ensure that each and every child and cohort has substantial growth."

To learn more about the school and the East Troy Community School District, visit <http://www.easttroy.k12.wi.us>.

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