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WHITEFISH BAY, WI -- As the ACT celebrates 50 years of service, Whitefish Bay Schools also celebrate ACT success. According to test scores released in August 2009, Whitefish Bay students received a composite score of 26 out of a possible 36 points on the nationally normed test.

Superintendent Dr. James R Rickabaugh says, "I can't think of a time when I've seen a score of 26." Rickabaugh has served as Superintendent of Schools in Minnesota as well as Wisconsin.

The class of 2008 tested 215 students and the class of 2009 tested 192. According to Guidance Counselor, Anne Perina, students may test during their sophomore, junior/and or senior years.

Two practice ACT tests are organized by Whitefish Bay guidance counselors for freshmen and sophomore students. "Both mirror the ACT content area and exam structure," Perina says of the EXPLORE and PLAN tests taken by freshmen and sophomores respectively. Additionally, Whitefish Bay students are encouraged to elect core subject areas that are aligned with readiness for college and ACT success.

The ACT and SAT are the most widely used standardized, college entrance tests. Because the ACT measures a student's readiness for college coursework, the ACT is the test of choice for most colleges and universities, particularly those in the Midwest.

The curriculum based, multiple choice test covers English, mathematics, reading and science. An optional writing can also be taken.

The 2009 ACT national average composite score was a 21.1. According to the ACT website, the 2009 composite score for Wisconsin was 22.3. This score was identical to the one achieved by Wisconsin students the year before. Wisconsin's composite score has remained virtually constant over the past five years.

For a detailed report of Wisconsin's performance on the ACT visit http://www.act.org/news/data/09/pdf/output/ACT_Wisconsin_Output.pdf

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