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### Whitefish Bay Continues Long History of Exceptional ACT Scores

WHITEFISH BAY, WI – The School District of Whitefish Bay celebrates its students achieving 19 consecutive years of average ACT scores of 25 or above. Whitefish Bay students received an *average composite score of 25.5* out of a possible 36 points on the nationally normed test for the 2017-2018 school year, according to test scores released through an ACT publication and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. This score reflects 100% of our 2018 graduating seniors taking this assessment as it is the test of accountability in the State of Wisconsin at the high school level.

District Administrator Dr. John W. Thomsen reported, “This is a measurement of the commitment to developing strong student academic and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills while addressing the whole child in a supportive environment. We do not know of any other public school district in the state that has matched this high, long-standing record. Consistent ACT scores above 25 are just one reflection of the dedicated effort and commitment to education demonstrated by our students, their families, and our entire District staff.”

From High School Principal Amy Levek, “We continue to be proud of the entire K-12 school community for their collective contributions towards these excellent ACT scores. What we are most pleased about; however, is the learning behind the scores. We do not teach to a test. We teach to knowledge and skills that will prepare students to succeed beyond our walls. The ACT is a wonderful measure of the work our teachers and students do every day as they strive for rigorous, engaging teaching and learning.”

According to an ACT publication, the 2018 average composite score for Wisconsin is 20.5. Wisconsin’s composite score has dropped from 22.2 in 2015 to 20.5 in 2016, 2017 and 2018 due to 100% participation of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade high school students taking this test as part of the school accountability process in Wisconsin (this began in 2016).

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

For more information on the ACT see - [LINK](#)

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