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The Whitefish Bay School District



Information Release

Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Results for

Whitefish Bay Released - January 26, 2016

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has released the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) results for the 2014-15 school year. The WSAS is a comprehensive statewide assessment program designed to provide information about students' college and career readiness and progress on our State Superintendent's Agenda 2017. These new assessments were administered for the first time in 2014-2015. They were created to measure what students were expected to know and be able to do in core academic areas.

In 2015, the Badger Exam and Dynamic Learning Map replaced the previous Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations (WKCE) and the Wisconsin Alternate Assessment for Students with Disabilities (WAA-SwD) for students in grades three through eight. There are significant differences between the Badger and the WKCE exams, in both content and testing design, which negates comparing results to prior years.

ACT data also contains significant differences in reporting from previous years. Past ACT results were reported based on senior year scores, taking the *highest* score for the student if it was taken multiple times, and for only the students who *chose* to take the ACT exam. The 2015 ACT results published were taken during the junior year, the test was administered on a common statewide examination day, and with almost 100% Whitefish Bay student participation.

During the 2014-2015 school year, Whitefish Bay Students took the following newly designed State of Wisconsin assessments:

- The Badger 3-8 Exam - taken by students in grades 3-8 in English, Language Arts and Mathematics.
- The ACT Suite - ACT Aspire in Grades 9 & 10 and the ACT + Writing in Grades 11 covering Reading, English, Math, Science, and Writing; the ACT WorkKeys in Grade 11. The ACT is the same college admissions exam taken by students nationwide.
- Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) - a test taken by students with disabilities that replaces the Badger 3-8 Exam, ACT, or Grades 3-11 test in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Although we do not have trend data from the one-time state assessment, the Whitefish Bay School District is committed to continue to use state and local assessment data to close achievement gaps, monitor our progress on college and career readiness standards and expectations, and to increase the performance of all students to ensure we continue to be an “exceptional place to learn.”

Badger Exam Results for Students in Grades 3-8

School District of Whitefish Bay	Math % Scoring Proficient or Advanced	English Language Arts % Scoring Proficient or Advanced
DISTRICT AVERAGE	71%	72.3%
Elementary	71.4%	74.2%
Whitefish Bay Middle School	70.6%	70.5%

ACT Results for Students in Grade 11

Whitefish Bay High School	ACT Composite	ACT Math	ACT English Language Arts	ACT Science
Average	24.6	24.8	24.1	24.3
% Proficient or Advanced	N/A	75.2%	82.9%	64.3%

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