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GEHS ACT SCORES INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY

The Gardner Edgerton High School graduating class of 2010 has posted USD 231's highest composite ACT score in history. The average composite ACT score for GEHS for 2010 is 22.8 according to figures released by the national office of the ACT. The GEHS average composite ACT score for 2009 was 21.8.

For purposes of comparison, the average 2010 composite ACT score for the state of Kansas is 22. The average ACT score for 2010 seniors is much higher for Gardner Edgerton than the state averages, which is a testament to the instruction being provided for continuing higher education.

"Our administration, staff, students, and educational services department have worked diligently to improve the overall ACT composite scores over the past few years by implementing new and advanced prep classes into the curriculum," said Dr. Bill Gilhaus, USD 231 Superintendent of Schools. "It's evident the advanced educational opportunities and the solid commitment to excellence from our staff and students contributed to the district's significant increase."

Students are encouraged to enroll in advanced placement courses which provide additional rigor, and better prepare them for ACT testing and college course work. Additional advanced placement courses have been added to the GEHS curriculum over the past several years.

"The district as a whole will continue to focus on improving our students' ACT scores because success on the ACT translates into higher education opportunities and scholarship opportunities for our students," said Dr. Gilhaus.

The ACT college entry exam consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science. Each test is scored on a scale of 1-36 with a student's composite score being the average of the four test scores. ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities.

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