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AVERAGE WYOMING ACT SCORES INCREASE

CHEYENNE - Performance results on the ACT for the 2014 graduating class were released today by the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) and the ACT.

Statewide, the average composite score for the graduating class of 2014 rose from a year ago, increasing from 19.8 in 2013 to 20.1 in 2014. This increase is noteworthy because more Wyoming students than ever are participating in the ACT – over 6,000 students in 2014 – since the ACT is required for state and federal accountability in grade 11. In contrast, most of the students across the nation who take the test intend to go to college, so they are typically a higher achieving subset of all high school graduates.

Although the statewide average remains below the national average, the Wyoming increase of 0.3 exceeded the national increase of 0.1. The table below shows five year trends of test participation and performance for Wyoming as well as the nation.

Year	Number of Students Tested		Average ACT Scores									
	State	National	English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
			State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National
2010	5533	1,568,835	19.0	20.5	19.8	21.0	20.4	21.3	20.1	20.9	20.0	21.0
2011	5533	1,623,112	19.4	20.6	20.0	21.1	20.8	21.3	20.4	20.9	20.3	21.1
2012	5527	1,666,017	19.2	20.5	20.2	21.1	20.5	21.3	20.6	20.9	20.3	21.1
2013	5896	1,799,243	18.6	20.2	19.7	20.9	20.2	21.1	20.0	20.7	19.8	20.9
2014	6098	1,845,787	19.3	20.3	19.9	20.9	20.6	21.3	20.2	20.8	20.1	21.0

The ACT is a college entrance test that predicts a student’s likelihood of success in college in four content areas, including English, math, reading, and science. Performance rose for the 2014 Wyoming graduating class in all four content areas, with the largest increase observed in English (18.6 to 19.3). National increases were observed in three of the four content areas, but they lagged behind the larger improvements made by Wyoming students.

For more information about the ACT visit: <http://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/assessment/act/> or contact Travis Hoff at travis.hoff@wyo.gov or 307-777-2053