2015 WYOMING SENIORS SHOW IMPROVEMENT ON ACT

CHEYENNE - A higher percentage of Wyoming high school seniors are prepared for college and career, according to reports released today by ACT, Inc. *The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2015* shows the Wyoming graduating class of 2015 had an average composite score of 20.2 on the ACT, a slight increase from the year before, and the percent of Wyoming students meeting college readiness benchmarks in all subject areas went up significantly to 22 percent.

Wyoming state law requires all students to take the ACT as juniors. Beginning with the graduating class of 2013, all students whose scores are college reportable, both standard and extended time tests, are now included in the reports.

Wyoming Department of Education Chief Academic Officer Brent Bacon says having the data on all Wyoming students helps to keep educators focused on making sure all students have opportunities after high school, “Basically, it sets the needle and we know we’re moving in the right direction, but we do need to improve.”

Wyoming is among 13 states that has results for 100 percent of graduating seniors.
Bacon says the reports also show the positive impact Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) can have on all subject areas. Wyoming students that indicated an interest in STEM majors or occupations met more readiness benchmarks.

“STEM is really helping our kids,” added Bacon. “We’re able to compete nationally and we’re preparing for college and the workforce in Wyoming.”


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