

WUSD ACT TEST SCORES INCREASE

It was exciting this week to receive our ACT test results and to see that the number students taking the test has increased over the past three years and that the scores are climbing. In addition, it was wonderful to note that our students beat state average in all tested areas (English, math, reading, science and combined score or composite) and that they also scored above national average.

We believe these results are a function of the ACT Quality Core curriculum and end of course exams we now use at WHS. The curriculum is designed to make students college and career ready and to meet the requirements of the Grand Canyon Diploma (GCD). If students meet the requirements of the GCD they are then eligible to attend community college for free at school district expense. Furthermore, they can complete their community college degree on the WHS campus in the Move On When Ready Learning Lab which was funded by the Wellik Foundation and continue to be involved in all normal high school activities (i.e. sports, clubs, arts programming...etc.).

As we continue to refine the curriculum, instruction and assessment system at WHS over the next five years we should see greater and greater growth among our students. We know that we are preparing students for an ever changing workplace and therefore it is imperative that they master certain basic concepts, skills and processes. It is a work in progress, but again, nice to see that students are experiencing an upward trend.

Below is a chart which displays WUSD's ACT results so that you can see these data in graphical form.

