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Catholic School Graduates Earn High ACT Scores

ST. LOUIS – The Class of 2017 at Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis continued to demonstrate high academic achievement with this year’s ACT test results.

Data released today from ACT show the average composite score for 2017 Catholic school graduates in the archdiocese was 24.8. This is an increase from the 2016 average score of 24.7.

Individual subject area tests demonstrated strong academic performance across all disciplines. The Catholic high school average score for individual tests are:

SUBJECT AREA TEST	ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS AVERAGE	MISSOURI STATE AVERAGE
Composite	24.8	20.4
English	25.7	19.8
Mathematics	23.3	19.9
Reading	25.5	20.8
Science	24.3	20.5

“We are incredibly proud of our graduates. We measure student success in many ways and the ACT test scores again confirm the outstanding work of our students and teachers,” said Superintendent of Catholic Education Dr. Kurt Nelson. “Achieving this level of success at graduation is the result of hard work during the high school years, building on the strong foundation students receive in our Catholic elementary schools.”

The Catholic high school scores include 2,759 seniors (98.6% of the Class of 2017) from all 27 Catholic high schools in the archdiocese. The archdiocese includes the oldest and largest system of schools in the state of Missouri, with over 38,000 students.

The results for the Class of 2017 continue a long history of academic success in Catholic high schools. In 2016, the Archdiocese of St. Louis composite score exceeded 99% of all Missouri school districts. The Catholic Education Office releases archdiocesan average scores, but not individual school scores.

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