

ACT Testing Results for Garfield School District

More high school students are taking the ACT college entrance exam in the state of Utah. According to the ACT data, 97% of a Utah's class of 2012 took the test. In 2012, an additional 7,674 students took the test, which raised the previous percentage of student participation from 73% to 97%. In states where 95% of the students took the test, Utah ranked second just below Illinois and tied with North Dakota. Utah also outperformed peer states like Wyoming and Colorado. This is not to say we do not need to improve our ACT scores, we do need to be concisely aware of where we are as a county and as a state. We have substantial room for improvement. With more students taking the test, the overall scores have slipped from previous years when fewer students took the test. The class of 2012 showed a decrease from 21.8 in previous years to 20.7 out of a possible 36 on the ACT. In 2007, there were 27 % of students considered to be, "college ready" in math, language arts, science, and reading. With more students taking the test, the number slipped to 23 % of students being classified as, "college Ready". The individual statistics for the students of Garfield School District are listed below under the District column in the following graph.

**Table 1: Five Year Trends
- Average ACT Scores**

Grad Year	Total Tested		English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
	District	State	District	State	District	State	District	State	District	State	District	State
2008	60	22,598	18.7	21.4	19.7	21.1	19.5	22.5	19.7	21.6	19.5	21.8
2009	39	23,229	20.9	21.4	20.9	21.1	22.4	22.6	20.4	21.6	21.3	21.8
2010	46	24,824	19.6	21.4	20.2	21.1	20.9	22.5	20.0	21.7	20.3	21.8
2011	41	25,161	19.5	21.4	19.5	21.2	20.9	22.3	20.0	21.7	20.1	21.8
2012	53	32,835	19.3	20.0	20.6	20.3	20.1	21.3	20.8	20.8	20.3	20.7

If you would like to attend the Garfield County School Board meeting in Panguitch on September 20, 2012 at 5:00 pm, I will be presenting the ACT and CRT testing data for the District in more detail. You are always welcome to attend.

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