

Marian ACT composite scores rise

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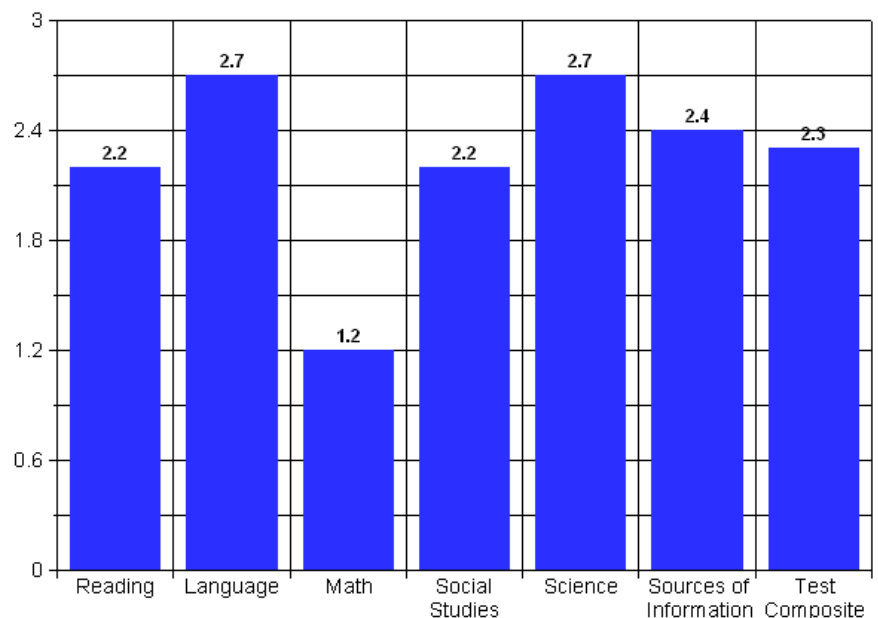
WOODSTOCK – The national and state averages of ACT composite scores dropped slightly, but scores increased for Marian Central Catholic High School’s Class of 2010. Marian’s composite score on the national college admissions exam was 24.7, up from 24.1 in 2009. The average nationwide score was 21.0, down from 21.1 the previous two years. In Illinois, the average composite score was 20.7, down from 20.8 in 2009. “Usually, you see fluctuations of two-tenths or three-tenths, but this was a pretty impressive increase of six-tenths,” Principal Charles Rakers said. Of the 175 students in the Class of 2010, 173 took the ACT. “I think most of our kids, they take this test very seriously because it’s important for them to get into the college they want to go to and to get the scholarships they want,” Rakers said. Marian students improved on every section of the ACT, exceeding the state average in each category. Their average score was 26.1 in English, 23.1 in math, 24.8 in reading, and 24.2 in science.

One student, Fiona Weeks of Huntley, received a top score of 36, but other students earned a 36 on a portion of their test. Nine students earned a 36 in reading, three did so in science, and two received a 36 in English. In-classroom prep work by teachers contributed to the high scores, Rakers said. “In class, they do a lot of pre-testing with [students] to get a feeling for what the ACT is going to be like,” he said. “[Students] can also do ACT prep tests online or at various sites.” More than 98 percent of Marian’s seniors go on to college, and the Class of 2010 earned more than \$10.8 million in scholarships.

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In the 2010 Graduating Class from Marian, Saint Margaret Mary School in Algonquin was well represented since both the Valedictorian and Salutarian were graduates of Saint Margaret Mary School. This is not surprising since Saint Margaret Mary School scores on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills Achievement Tests have been received for the 2010-11 school year and **once again, our students have scored very well.** This testing was done in September. An average student is expected to score at the grade level and in the month of school that they are in. *(For example, an average third grade student would score 3.1 which is read as in third grade, in the first month of school.)* On the graph below, zero is grade level. **Saint Margaret Mary students scored one to two grades above the average in each of the subject areas tested.**

Saint Margaret Mary School 2010 ITBS Scores



This graph shows the average amount above grade level students in grades 3-8 scored in each of the ITBS subject areas. For example, on the reading tests our students scored an average of 2.2, or 2 years and 2 months above their grade level.