

ACT/SAT Testing

The ACT® test measures high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science. The Writing Test, which is optional, measures skill in planning and writing a short essay.

The SAT is a standardized assessment of the critical reading, mathematical reasoning, and writing skills students have developed over time and that they need to be successful in college. Each year, more than two million students take the SAT. Nearly every college in America uses the test as a common and objective scale for evaluating a student's college readiness. While high school grades are a very useful indicator of how students will perform in college, there is great variation in grading standards and course rigor within and across high schools.

In order to qualify for the newly adopted Alaska Performance Scholarship – Collegiate Award, students must take either the ACT or SAT and achieve a score of 21 or higher on the ACT or 1450 or higher on the SAT.

The Tables below shows a five year trend in number tested & Average Scores

ACT 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	87	2047	23.7	20.3	23.4	21.2	25.1	21.8	23.3	20.8	24	21.2
2009	118	2254	23	20.1	23.6	21.1	25.2	21.7	22.6	20.7	23.7	21
2010	123	2228	22.9	20.3	22.5	21.2	23.9	21.7	22.5	20.9	23.1	21.1
2011	133	3022	22.7	20.3	22.7	21.4	24	21.7	22.5	21	23.1	21.2
2012	136	2598	22.2	20.3	21.9	21.3	23.5	21.8	21.2	20.8	22.3	21.2

Data taken from the ACT College Readiness Letter for KPBSD dated August 22, 2012

SAT Five Year Trends - Average Mean Scores

Grad Year	Total Tested		Reading		Mathematics		Writing	
	District	State	District	State	District	State	District	State
2007	289	3778	532	519	526	517	502	491
2008	238	3782	537	520	523	520	512	493
2009	210	3589	535	520	531	516	504	492
2010	259	3772	530	501	518	516	496	492
2011	249	3866	535	515	521	511	506	487
2012	283	4010	525	512	497	507	494	485

Data taken from 2012 College Bound Seniors District Highlights Report