

Students' ACT scores at an eight-year high

Juniors and seniors in Fayette County again scored better than state and national averages on the ACT, the college entrance exam often used to gauge rigor and achievement in high schools.

The district's overall scores are now at an eight-year high. On average across the district, students posted gains in all subject areas – English, mathematics, reading and science.

“It's very exciting for us to have the highest ACT scores that we've ever had. It is showing that our high schools are providing the opportunities for our kids to be able to achieve at very high levels,” Superintendent Stu Silberman said. “One of our challenges is to make sure that all kids have the benefit of these opportunities.”

All but one of the district's high schools posted composite scores well above the state and national average. Two schools had sizable gains: Tates Creek High School had an increase of .9 points overall and Paul Laurence Dunbar's overall score rose .5 points.

How students at each school fared, in comparison with the state and nation:

	Composite 2007	Composite 2008
Bryan Station	18.9	18.5
Henry Clay	22.6	22.3
Lafayette	22.1	22.6
P.L. Dunbar	23.1	23.5
Tates Creek	21.4	22.3
Fayette County	22.0	22.3
Kentucky	20.7	20.9
Nation	21.2	21.1

The maximum score is 36.