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**GHS Scores High On College-Readiness Test
Students Out Perform Benchmark Districts On ACT**

GREENDALE, WI – Greendale High School (GHS) students from the Class of 2015 earned a composite score of 24.5 on the ACT, the highest average ACT result recorded by GHS. Ninety-one percent (194 of 213) of Greendale 2015 graduates were tested. Greendale students achieved a math subscore of 25.

Compared to its benchmarking districts, Greendale High School students scored competitively or out performed on this college-readiness test. Wisconsin's composite score for 2015 was 22.2, which was 1.2 points higher than the national average of 21.0, which held steady for the second straight year. Statewide, an average of 73 percent of students were tested.

“Our Strategic Plan, adopted in 2012, helped to narrow our focus on college and career readiness as a district,” said Steve Lodes, principal of Greendale High School. “Our teachers do an outstanding and effective job of planning for sensible and data-driven instruction that is aligned with core knowledge needed to do well on the ACT. These scores are the result of that hard work over these past few years. ”

“Student performance on the ACT represents not only the work of the student, but also the work of every teacher from kindergarten through high school graduation,” said Kim Amidzich, Director of Curriculum and Instruction. “It is gratifying to see achievement like this and to understand that our work with all students benefits them for their future. We continue to adjust and refocus our efforts to meet students’ varied needs and ensure their success.”

The ACT is a curriculum- and standards-based achievement exam designed to measure academic achievement and the test is deemed important for success in first-year college courses. Many four-year colleges and universities in the United States accept ACT scores as part of prospective students’ academic portfolio.

Beginning in the spring of 2015, all Greendale High School juniors were administered the ACT as part of the new requirement for all high school students set forth by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

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ABOUT GREENDALE SCHOOLS:

Established in 1938, Greendale Schools is home to more than 2,600 students. The District prides itself in providing an outstanding education for all students from Kindergarten through twelfth grade at Greendale High School, Greendale Middle School, and three elementary schools (Canterbury, College Park and Highland View). Greendale Schools, in partnership with students, families, and the community, is committed to developing leadership, creativity, and educational excellence.

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