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Ripon Area School District Achieves Impressive Results on ACT Exam

Ripon, WI – Each year high school students across the nation take the ACT exam to begin the process of furthering their education. This exam is considered a college readiness assessment, or a standardized test used for high school achievement and college admissions. Students are tested in English, Math, Reading, and Science. Several test dates are available throughout the year, and the test is typically taken by students in their junior year. This exam reports success for students in terms of personal results; however, ACT also gathers results for the nation, each state, and individual school districts.

The Ripon District is proud to share their results for the 2013-2014 school year with the community. 91 students in the Ripon Area School District took the ACT exam this school year and achieved impressive results. Across all 4 subject areas, Ripon scores were higher than state-wide averages. Likewise, scores were also higher than the District's results the past year. The average ACT score for Ripon students was calculated to be 23.0, compared to 22.6 for the previous year. The average ACT score for the state was 22.2 for this year. Concerning state-wide averages, Wisconsin had the 2nd highest average across the nation. This is a great achievement for the state of Wisconsin as a whole, and an impressive accomplishment for the Ripon Area School District to score above the state average in a state with such a strong education system.

Additionally, ACT has collaborated with universities and postsecondary institutions across the nation to determine how prepared students were for college-level classes. A certain value is set in each subject area, and students scoring above the benchmark score are ready for college coursework. 42% of Ripon students were prepared for college classes in the 4 ACT subjects, while in the state of Wisconsin only 34% of students are prepared in all subjects. 81% of RASD students are prepared for college English, 64% for college Algebra, 56% for college Social Science, and 62% for college Biology. In each individual subject, Ripon continued to

surpass the state levels of preparedness. These results can be attributed to a focused faculty and student body and Ripon's strong curriculum. Consequently, students in the Ripon Area School District are well-prepared for life after high school.

"As students find success in the classroom, the Ripon community will thrive outside the classroom," said Ripon Superintendent Mary Whitrock. "The benefits of a strong school system include maintaining and increasing property values, providing a qualified workforce, lowering crime rates, creating a strong sense of community, building support for families and children, and enhancing public services. If the District stays on its current path, Ripon can look forward to a bright future ahead." For more information, please contact Dr. Mary Whitrock at 920-748-4600 or whitrockm@ripon.k12.wi.us.

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