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Ripon, WI - Ripon Area School District released local results for Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) exams taken during the 2014-15 school year that showed higher results than students statewide.

Ripon Area School District assessed students in Grades 3-8 on the Badger Exam or the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM). The DLM is an alternate assessment given to Wisconsin students with severe cognitive disabilities and is used in Grades 3 through 11. Among those students, 60.2 percent of students were proficient or advanced in English language arts compared to 51.2 percent at the state level. In mathematics, 52.7 percent of Ripon Area School District students were proficient or advanced compared to 43.7 percent statewide.

Students in grade 11 took the ACT or DLM. The ACT is the same college admissions exam taken by students nationwide. Overall results show 47.4 percent of Ripon Area School District students achieved at the proficient or advanced performance levels in English language arts compared to 45.7 percent statewide. In mathematics, 42.8 percent were proficient or advanced compared to 35.9 percent of juniors statewide.

“These overall WSAS results are a starting point for future improvement,” said Christine Damm, Curriculum Director for the Ripon Area School District. The Badger, ACT, and DLM assessments replace Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations and Wisconsin Alternate Assessments for Students with Disabilities that were administered in Grades 3-8 and Grade 10 in prior years. Because the 2014-15 assessments were taken in spring rather than fall and are based on different standards, comparisons to results from prior years are not advised. Historically, RASD has consistently been among the top performing districts in the state. Administration and staff are

committed to rising above this level of excellence. The results reflect the high quality instruction RASD provides for all students.

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