



Saint Viator High School Class of 2009 Scores High on ACT Test

At Saint Viator High School in Arlington Heights, the numbers are in and they are even higher than administrators expected. School officials learned recently that the average ACT score for the Class of 2009 was 25.3, almost 5 points higher than the state average, which came in at 20.8.

Nationally, students who took the ACT averaged 21.1 on the curriculum-based achievement exam, designed to measure college readiness.

“Because we accept students of all ability levels, we are very proud of this accomplishment,” said Eileen Manno, Saint Viator principal. “It is due to the ability of our faculty to teach every student the skills necessary to achieve success in college and the future regardless of a student’s learning aptitude.”

Specifically, Saint Viator students scored an average of 26.4 in English, 25.4 in Reading, 24.5 in Science, and 24.3 in Math. These subject area scores surpass all of the College Readiness Benchmarks established by the ACT, bucking the national statistics, which indicate only 23 percent of students taking the ACT met the benchmarks.

ACT officials define the benchmarks as the minimum scores needed in each subject area to indicate a student is ready to succeed in a typical first-year, credit-bearing college course.

Manno also credited the school’s curriculum, which allows students to pursue a rigorous college preparatory course of study, but at their own rate of ability. “Working with their parents, we help our students strive for academic success in order to accomplish their goals,” Manno added.