

2016 ACT Test Results Summary

Austin Independent School District

2015–2016

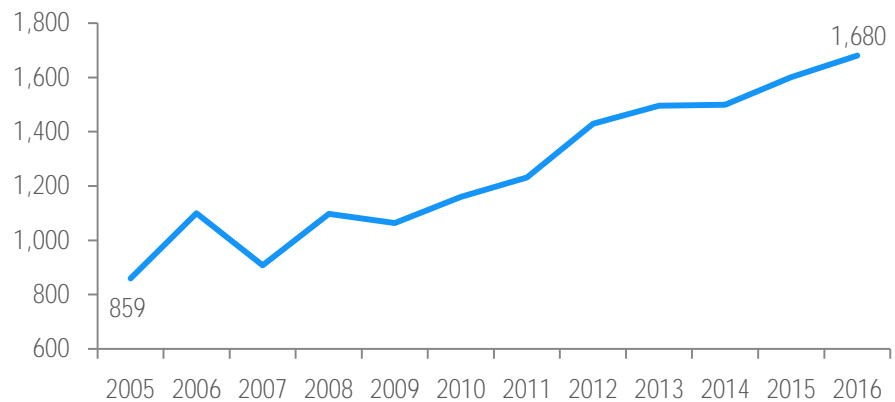
Purpose

This report describes ACT test results for Austin Independent School District (AISD) students in the 2015–2016 school year. The ACT is a national college admissions examination developed and administered by ACT, Inc. that consists of the following subject area tests: English, mathematics (math), reading, and scientific reasoning. The highest score possible on each section of the ACT is 36. Students generally take the ACT during their junior or senior year of high school, and many colleges and universities use the ACT to make admission decisions.

How many AISD students took the ACT?

AISD students' participation in ACT testing continued to increase in 2016, compared with participation in prior years (Figure 1). ACT test participation also increased at the national and state levels in 2015–2016 (ACT, 2016b and 2016c).

Figure 1
ACT test participation in AISD continued to rise in 2015–2016.



Source: ACT District Profile Report, 2016

How did AISD students perform on the ACT?

The district's average ACT composite score of 22.5 exceeded the state and national average composite scores. The district's ACT composite score was at an all time high in 2016 and increased at the same time that the number of test-takers increased. Whereas, state and national average achievement levels declined from the prior year with the decline influenced by the increase in the number of test-takers at the state and national levels (ACT, 2016d). The district's average ACT subject area scores also continued to increase over the past 5 years and exceeded state and national averages in all subject areas for the third year in a row (Figures 2 and 3).

Figure 2

The average ACT composite score of 22.5 was an all-time high for the district and exceeded state and national averages. While the district average score increased, state and national averages also showed an upward trend.

