

## CAVIT students fare well on state tests

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COOLIDGE — All of the Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology students who took the Arizona Department of Education's end-of-program assessments for law enforcement, massage therapy, medical assistance and fire science passed.

Superintendent Mike Glover told the CAVIT Governing Board last week that several students in each program scored 86 percent or higher, which should put them in the running for the highest test scores in the state. Those results are expected in July.

Student test score averages will put CAVIT in competition for the No. 1 or No. 2 state ranking for each program.

Glover said seniors also have begun taking their industry certification exams. Sixteen students have passed the national veterinary assistant examination so far, granting them approved veterinary assistant designation.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment for our students," Glover said, "as CAVIT is only one of six high schools nationwide accredited with the National Association of Veterinary Technicians of America." CAVIT received that accreditation in December 2013.

"Given an 89 percent program pass rate, earning AVA status the first time out, we are confident that our students rate with the best in the nation," he said.

In the nursing assistant program, seven students have earned certified nursing assistant licenses with more students to test in June.

In the law enforcement program, 17 seniors, every student in the program, earned the state security guard certification offered through the Arizona Department of Public Safety and can apply for security positions.

Twenty-three fire science seniors earned wildland fire certification in addition to passing the first phase of the firefighter state exam.

Students in the aesthetics, cosmetology and massage programs will complete their certification requirements this month.

Glover said 94 percent of the students gave CAVIT an A or B grade in a survey question about the overall quality of CAVIT's career and technical education program. Last year, 93 percent graded it A or B.

Ninety-seven percent of the parents who took the survey gave CAVIT an A or B, up from 94 percent last year.

Glover said staff is humbled by the large percentage of students and parents who rate CAVIT so highly.