

# Ridgefield Public Schools

## 2015 RHS Testing Report



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# ***Celebrating Ridgefield High School***

- **Postgraduate Summary**
- **SAT Testing**
- **SAT Subject Tests**
- **ACT Testing**
- **Advanced Placement (AP) Testing**

## Post Graduate Experience by Class

(number of students/percentage of class)

Category	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015	
	# students	%	# students	%	# students	%	# students	%	# students	%
4-Year College	394	91.0	401	89.5	381	93.8	420	91.5	387	88.8
2-Year College	5	1.2	16	3.6	7	1.7	10	2.2	5	1.1
Career Education	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	3	0.7	2	0.5
College Prep School	1	0.2	1	0.2	0	0.0	2	0.4	1	0.2
Employed	10	2.3	9	2.0	7	1.7	15	3.3	10	2.3
Other (incl. Military)	19	4.4	12	2.7	0	0.0	3	0.7	15	3.4
Year Off	3	0.7	8	1.8	3	0.7	3	0.7	11	2.5
Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	1.7	3	0.7	5	1.1
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>433</b>		<b>448</b>		<b>406</b>		<b>459</b>		<b>436</b>	

## Competitiveness of Colleges Attended

(number of students/percentage of Senior class)

Competitive Category*	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015	
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Most Competitive	82	18.9	92	20.5	80	19.7	95	20.7	96	22.0
Highly Competitive	111	25.6	107	23.9	108	26.6	115	25.0	109	25.0
Very Competitive	80	18.5	90	20.1	89	21.9	100	21.7	84	19.3
Competitive	93	21.5	74	16.5	80	19.7	66	14.4	83	19.0
Least Competitive	8	1.8	7	1.6	4	1.0	5	1.0	2	0.5
Non Competitive	1	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Special	4	0.9	9	2.0	12	3.0	6	1.3	5	1.1
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<b>In Top 2 Tiers</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>47%</b>

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# Intended Majors

(self reported - % 2015 SAT test takers)

	2014	2015
<b>Arts or Humanities</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Biological Sciences or Related Areas</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Physical Sciences or Related Areas</b>		
<b>Business, Commerce or Communications</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Social Sciences or Related Areas</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>General Interdisciplinary, Technical, Vocational</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>

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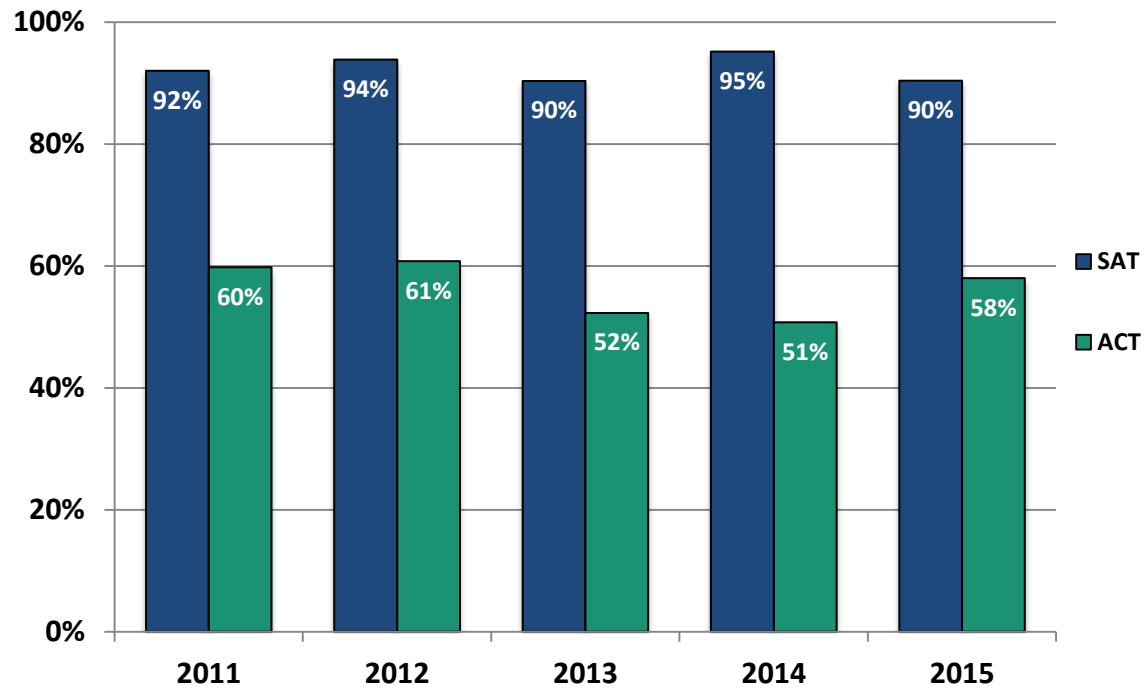
(self reported - % 2015 SAT test takers)

	2014	2015
<b>Arts or Humanities</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Architecture or Related Services	1	1
Visual and Performing Arts	7	7
English Language and Literature	1	1
Foreign Lang., Literature and Linguistics	1	1
<b>Biological Sciences or Related Areas</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>
Agriculture or Natural Resources	1	2
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	6	9
Health Professions and Rel. Clinical Services	9	8
<b>Physical Sciences or Related Areas</b>		
Computer and Info Sci. and Support Services	3	2
Engineering	10	11
Mathematics and Statistics	2	1
Physical Sciences	2	2
<b>Business, Commerce or Communications</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>
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Communication, Journalism and Related Programs	5	5
<b>Social Sciences or Related Areas</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>
Education	3	4
Family & Consumer Science/Human Science	1	1
Military Technologies & Applied Science	1	0
Public Affairs and Services	2	3
Social Sciences and History	10	7
<b>General Interdisciplinary, Technical, Vocational</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
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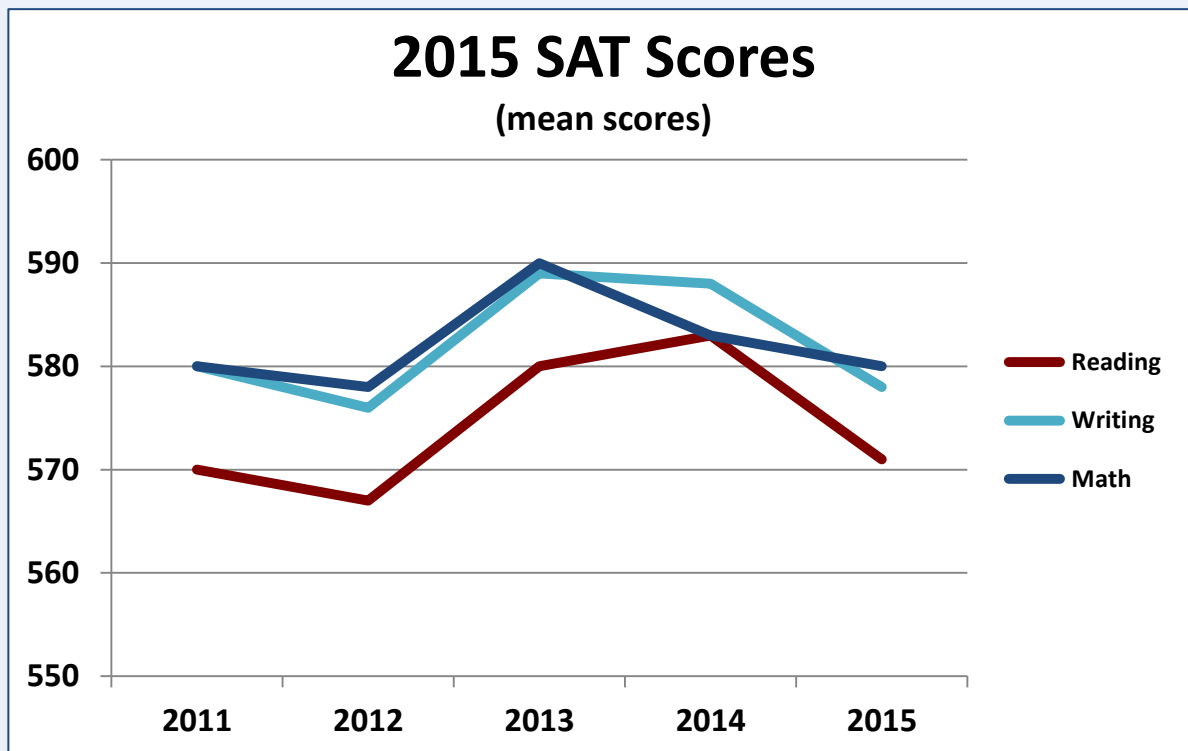
# SAT and ACT

(% of 2015 Senior class that takes the test)

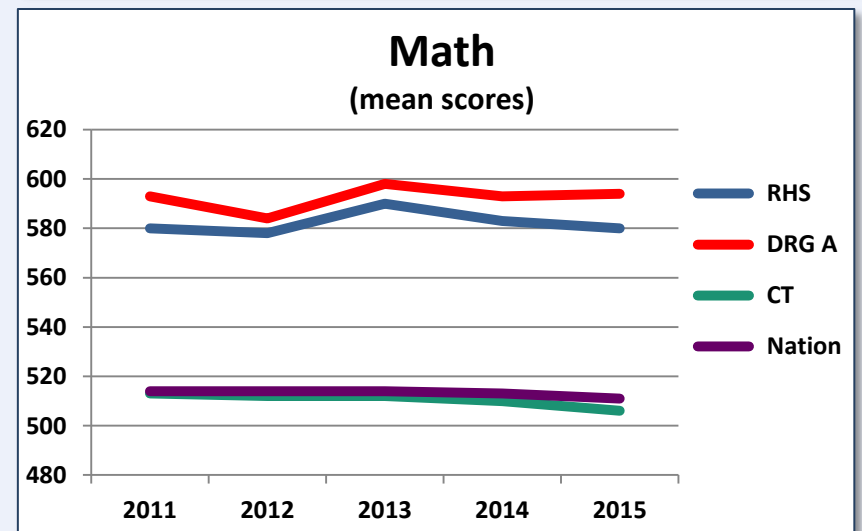
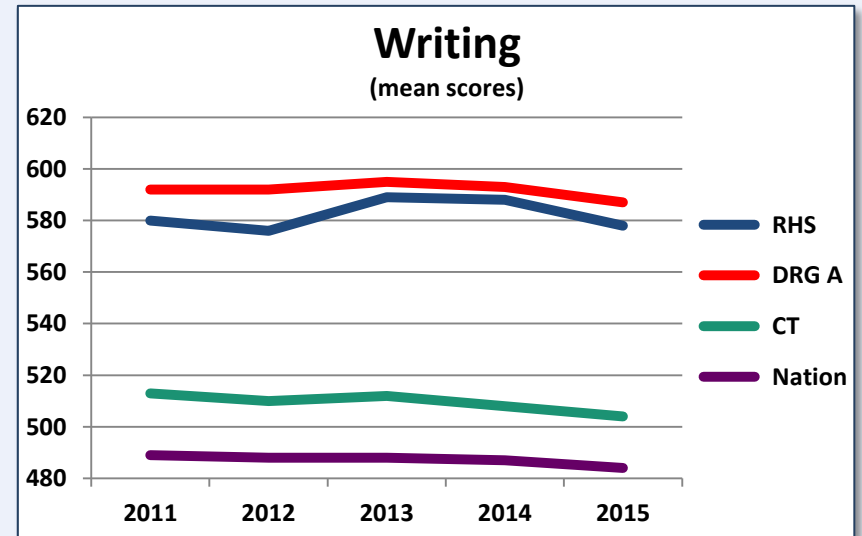
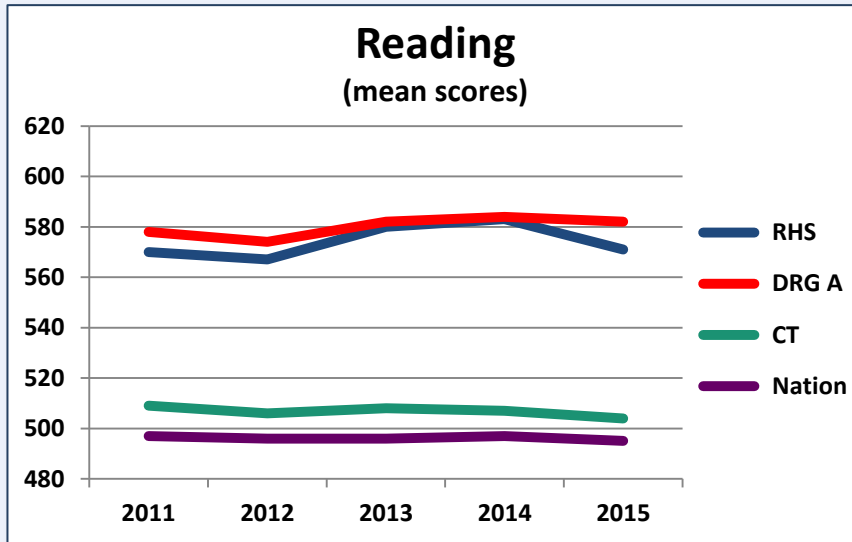




2015 SAT Mean	Reading	Writing	Math
Score scale (200-800)	571	578	580



# 2015 SAT Score Comparison

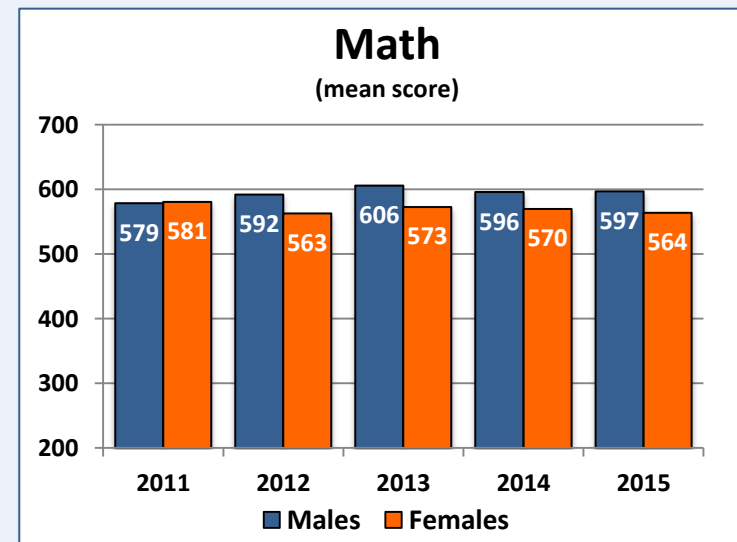
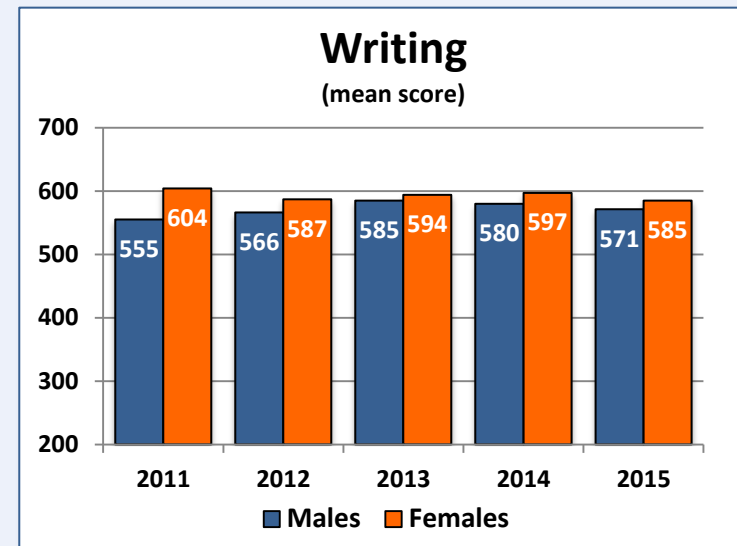
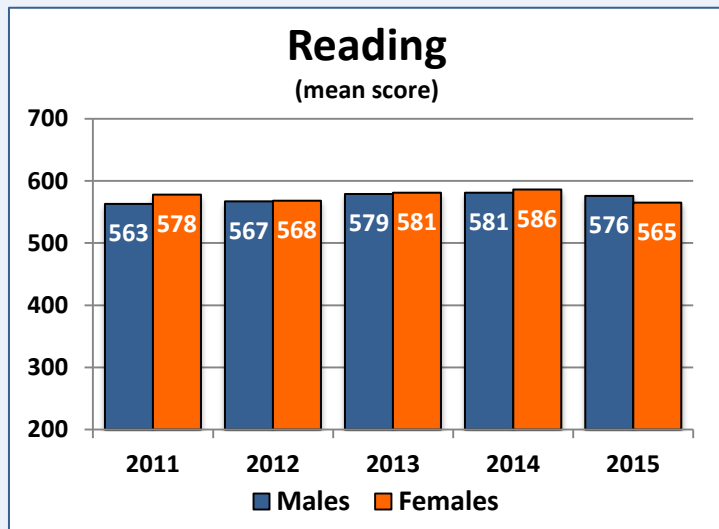


## 2015 SAT Comparable Districts

(mean scores)

Reading		Writing		Math	
Darien	598	Darien	602	Darien	611
Wilton	591	New Canaan (T)	594	New Canaan	609
Weston	589	Wilton (T)	594	Weston	604
Westport	585	Weston	592	Wilton	591
New Canaan	582	Westport	589	Westport	596
Ridgefield	571	Ridgefield	578	Ridgefield	580
Region 9	561	Region 9	561	Region 9	567
DRG Average	582		587		594

# 2015 SAT Scores by Gender

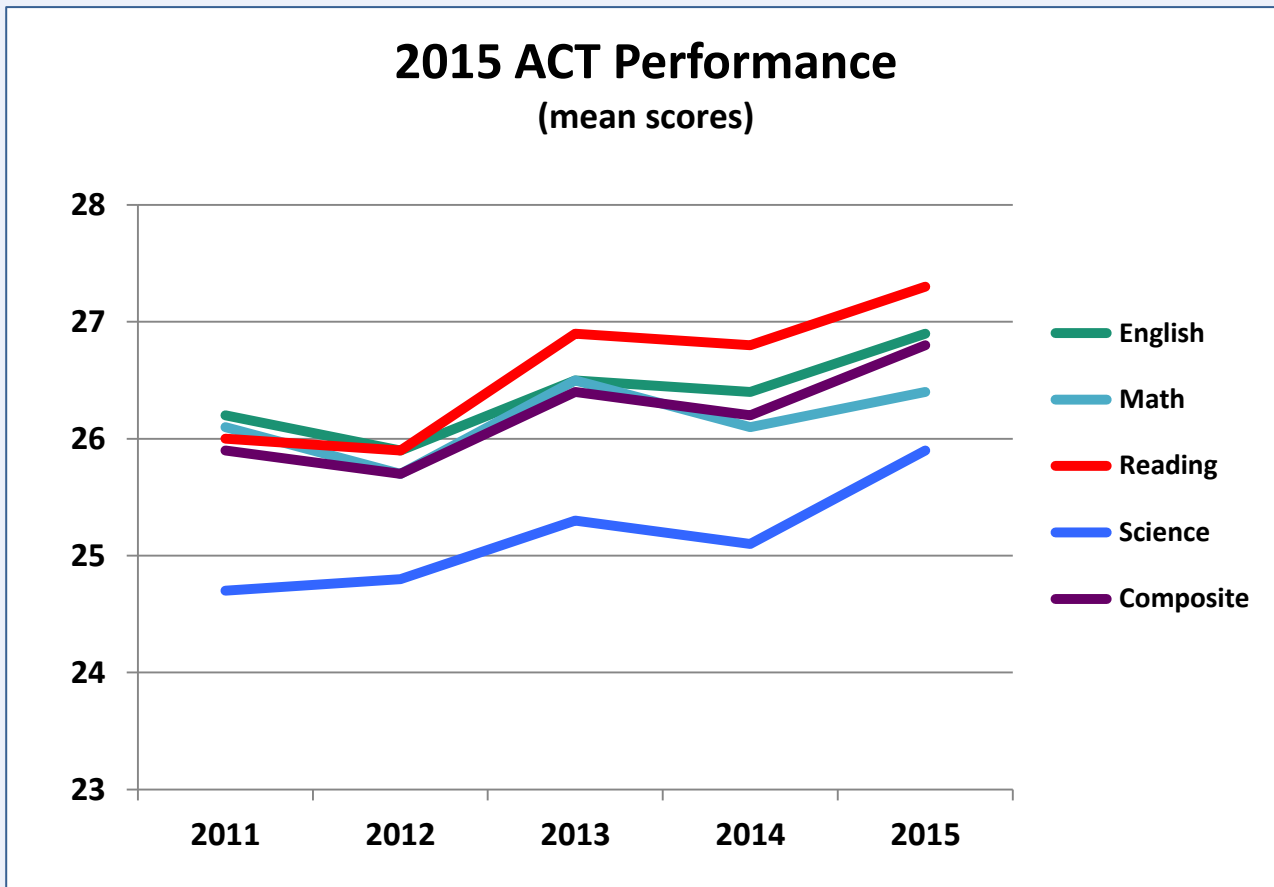


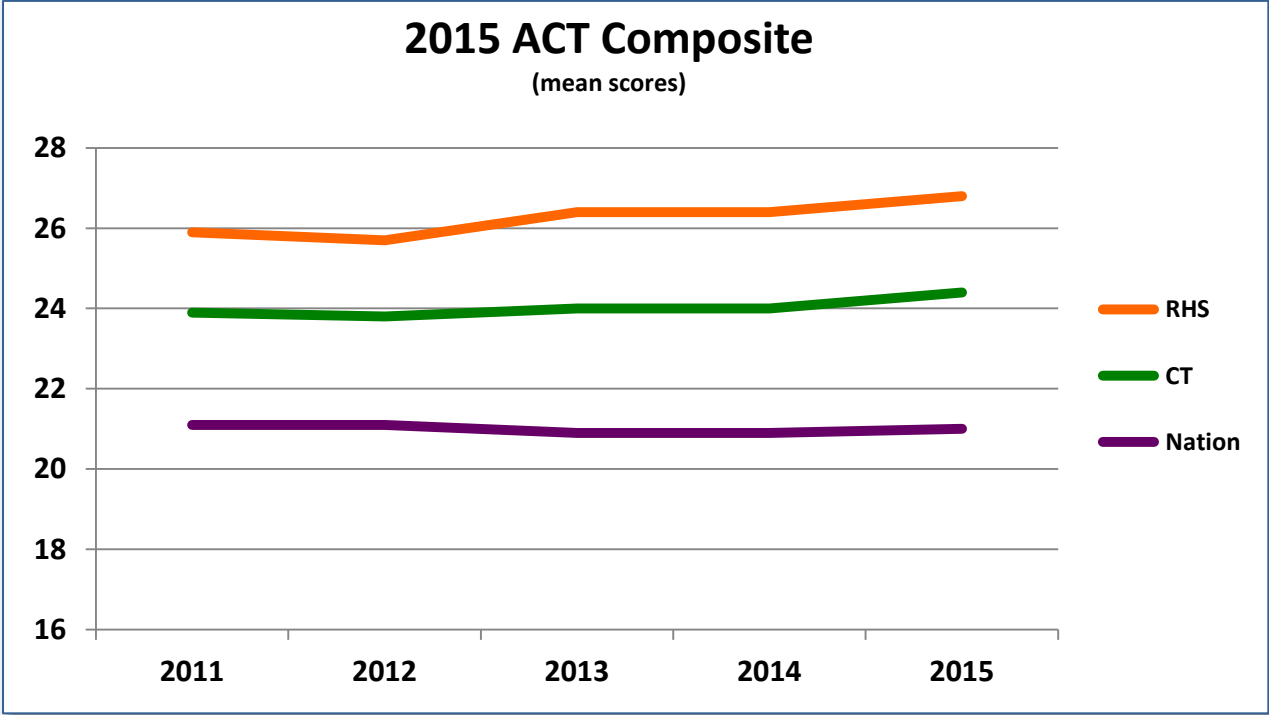
## 2015 SAT Subject Tests

Subject Area	# Tests	RHS Score	CT Average	National Average
<b>ENGLISH</b>				
Literature	43	633	627	618
<b>HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES</b>				
U.S. History	69	673	650	645
World History	31	663	631	618
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>				
Mathematics Level 1	49	626	626	619
Mathematics Level 2	70	696	685	690
<b>SCIENCE</b>				
Biology - Ecological	9	618	634	625
Biology - Molecular	47	681	662	652
Chemistry	22	669	662	666
Physics	24	674	668	667
<b>FOREIGN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES</b>				
French	9	609	614	636
French with Listening	1			
Italian	0			
German	2			
German with Listening	1			
Spanish	3			
<b>TOTAL TESTS</b>	<b>380</b>			
<b>TOTAL TESTS TAKERS</b>	<b>153</b>			

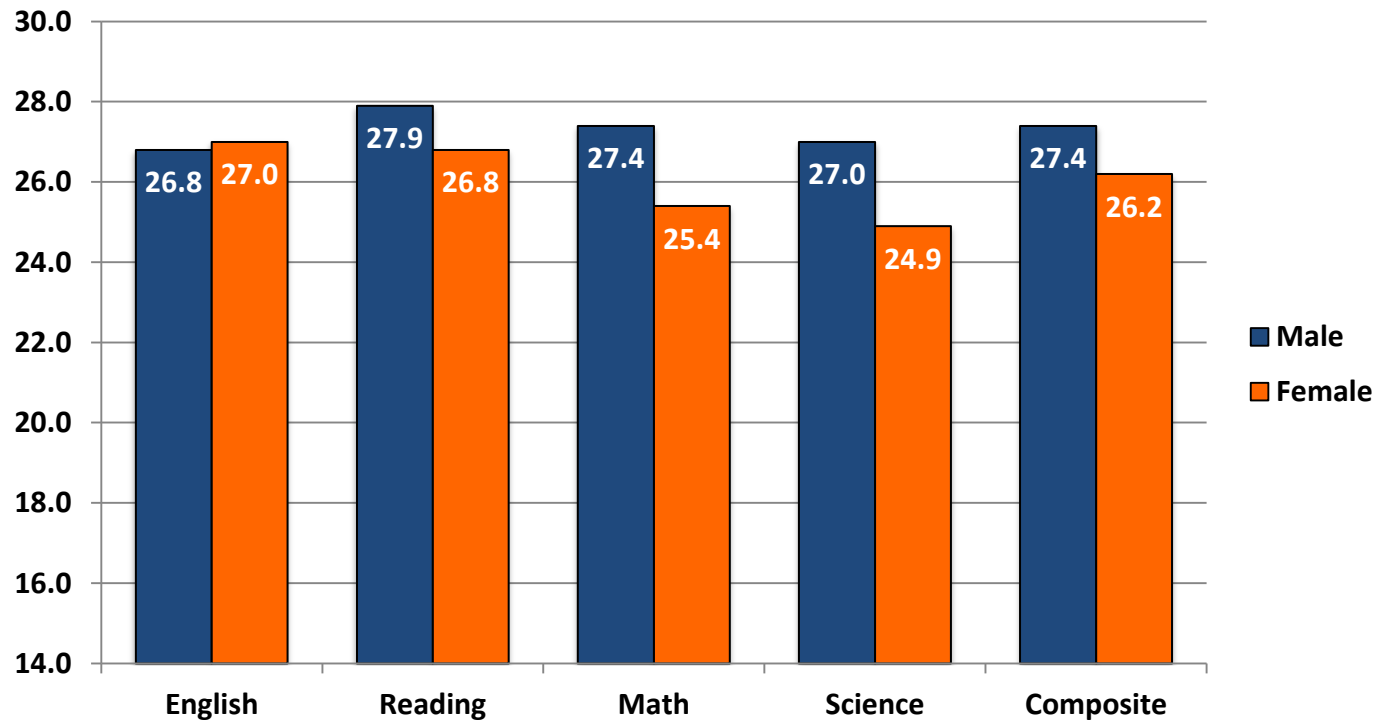
Scores without a mean did not have enough students for an accurate calculation.

2015 ACT Mean	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
Score Scale (1 – 36)	26.9	26.4	27.3	25.9	26.8





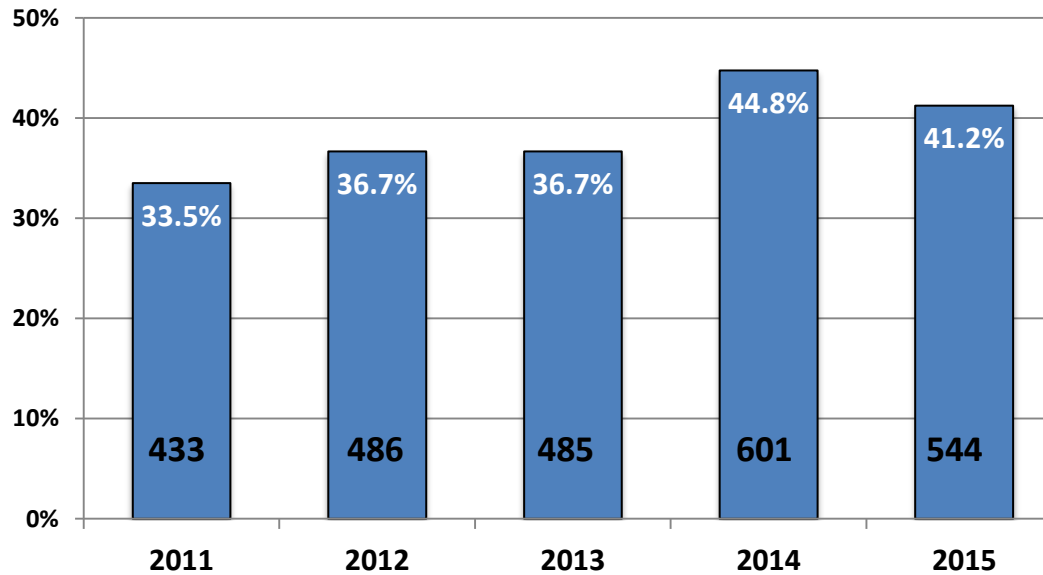
## 2015 ACT Scores by Gender (mean scores)



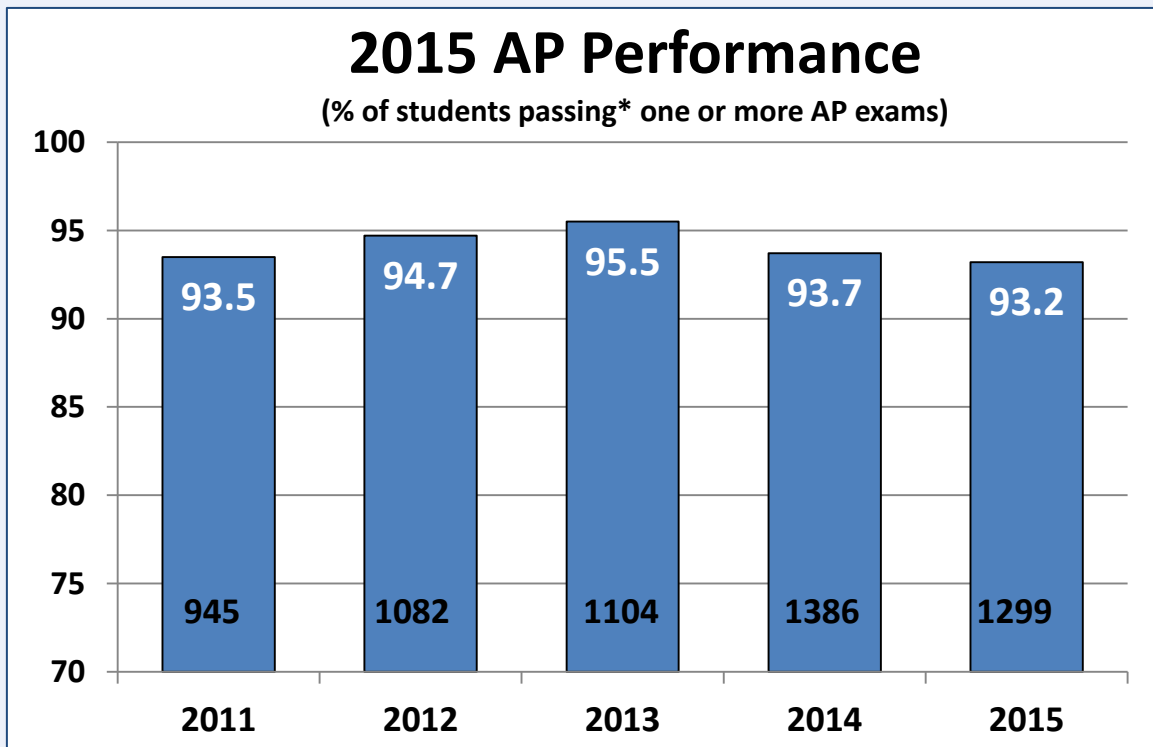


## 2015 Advanced Placement Exam Participation

(percentage of RHS students in grades 10-12)

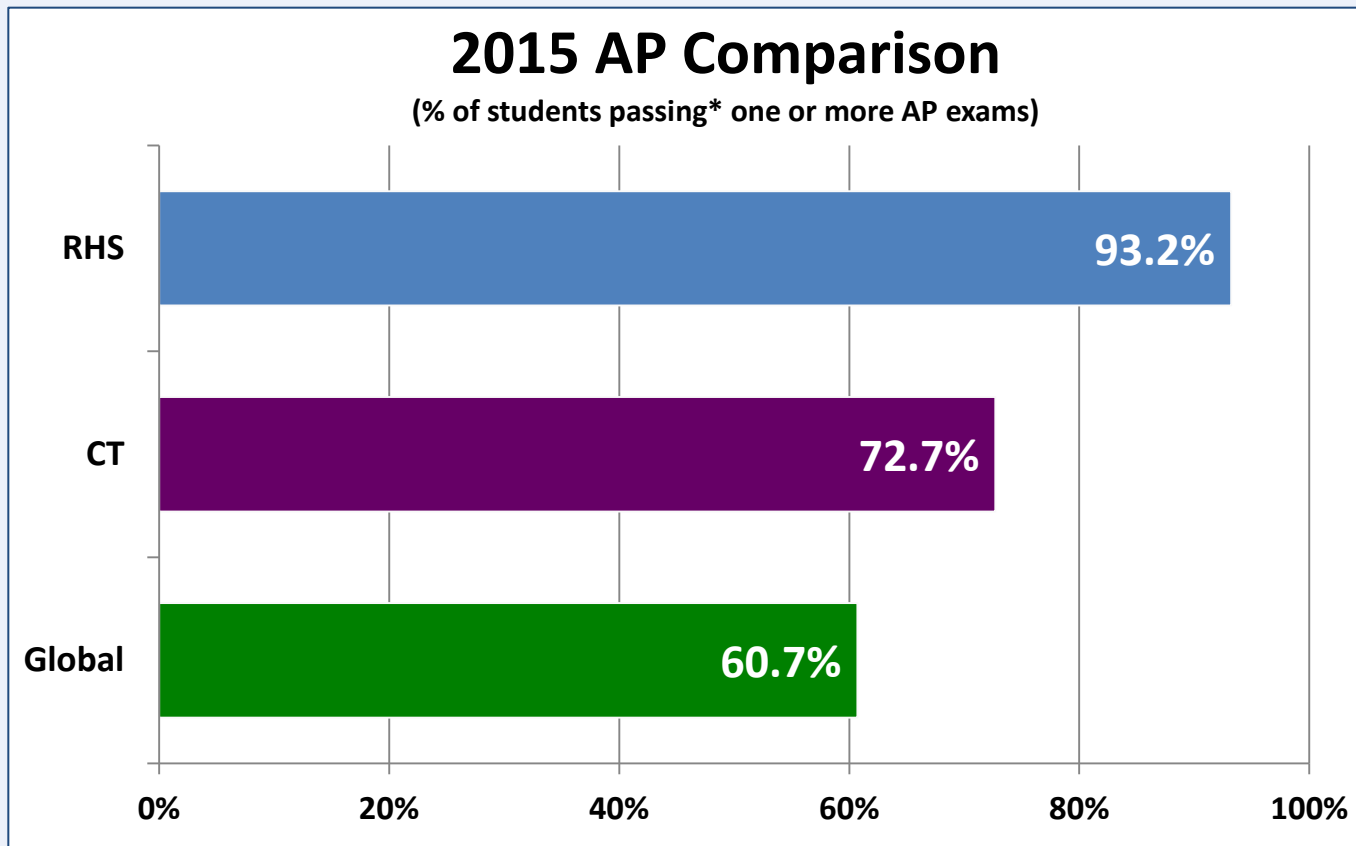


Number of Students



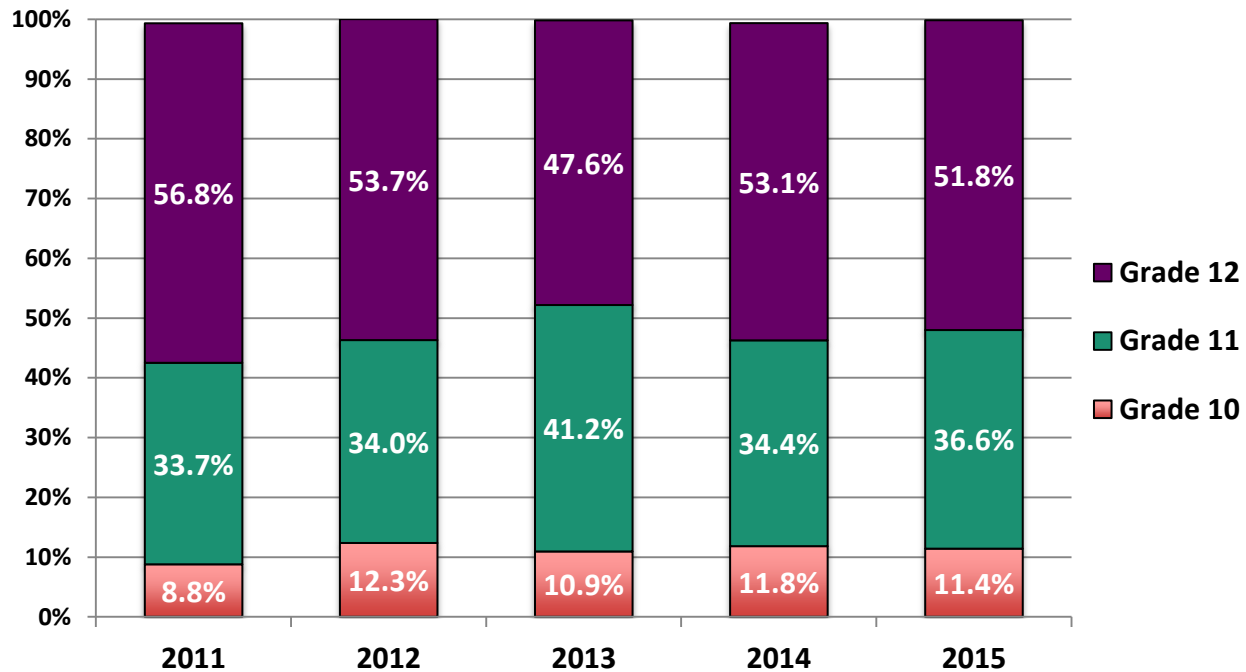
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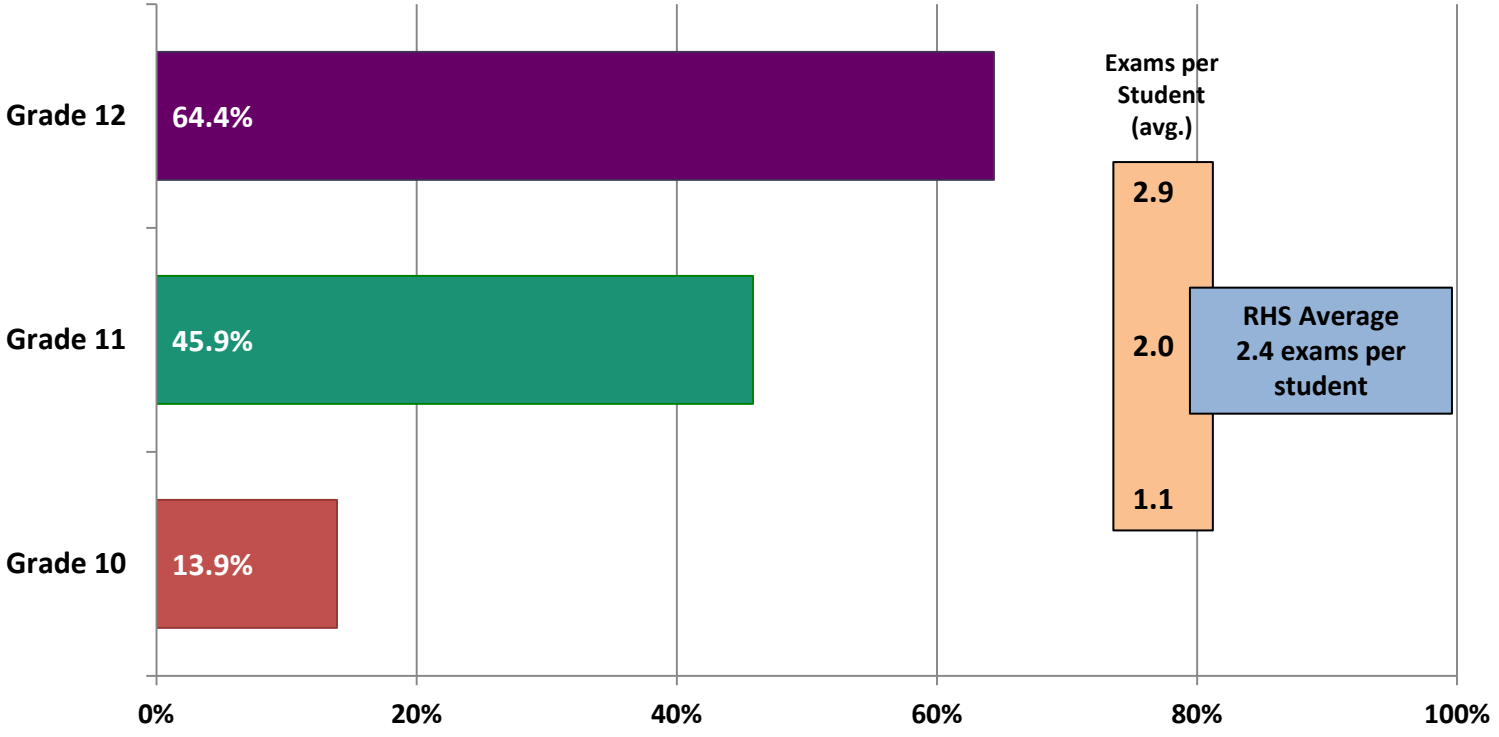
## 2015 AP Students by Grade (percent)



Note: All RPS students enrolled in an AP course at RHS take the exam.

# 2015 AP Participation by Grade

(percentage of students in each class)

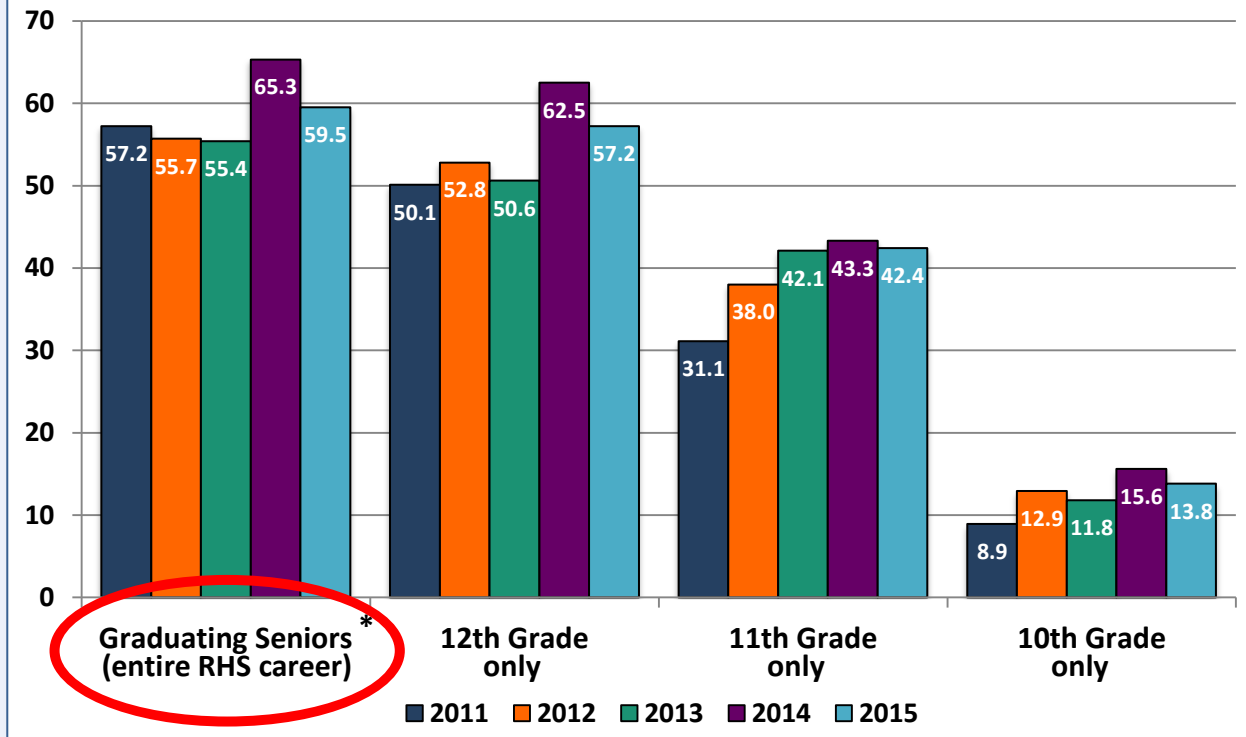


## 2015 AP Exam Participation

# Students Taking At Least		1 exam	2 exams	3 exams	4 exams	5 exams	6 exams	7 exams	8 exams
<b>Seniors</b>	# Students	282	224	161	91	45	12	6	1
	% of Senior Class	64.4%	51.1%	36.8%	20.8%	10.3%	2.7%	1.4%	0.2%
<b>Juniors</b>	# Students	199	118	58	23	4	1		
	% of Junior Class	45.9%	27.2%	13.4%	5.3%	0.9%	0.2%		
<b>Sophomores</b>	# Students	62	5	3					
	% of Sophomore Class	13.9%	1.1%	0.7%					

## 2015 AP Equity and Excellence

(percent of students that passed at least one AP exam)



\* Used for *U.S. News & World Report* and *Newsweek* rankings.

## 2015 AP – Comparable Districts

DRG A	Student Population*	Number of Testers	% Participation					
Ridgefield	1,744	544	31.2%					
Westport	1,854	574	31.0%					
Weston	781	219	30.0%					
Wilton	1,352	361	28.0%					
Darien	1,365	362	26.7%					
New Canaan	1,250	375	26.5%					
Region #9	1,049	255	24.3%					

\* 2014-15 population data from CT State Department of Education



## 2015 AP – Comparable Districts

DRG A	Student Population*	Number of Testers	% Participation	Total Exams	Exams Passed	% Exams Passed		
Ridgefield	1,744	544	31.2%	1,295	1,165	90.0%		
Westport	1,854	574	31.0%	1,258	1,149	91.3%		
Weston	781	219	30.0%	536	475	88.6%		
Wilton	1,352	361	28.0%	774	702	90.7%		
Darien	1,365	362	26.7%	744	697	93.7%		
New Canaan	1,250	375	26.5%	843	776	92.1%		
Region #9	1,049	255	24.3%	440	369	83.9%		

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## 2015 AP – Comparable Districts

DRG A	Student Population*	Number of Testers	% Participation	Total Exams	Exams Passed	% Exams Passed	Per Pupil Cost**	Per Pupil Cost % above RPS
Ridgefield	1,744	544	31.2%	1,295	1,165	90.0%	15,759	
Westport	1,854	574	31.0%	1,258	1,149	91.3%	18,864	20%
Weston	781	219	30.0%	536	475	88.6%	18,195	15%
Wilton	1,352	361	28.0%	774	702	90.7%	19,414	23%
Darien	1,365	362	26.7%	744	697	93.7%	17,573	12%
New Canaan	1,250	375	26.5%	843	776	92.1%	17,510	11%
Region #9	1,049	255	24.3%	440	369	83.9%	18,423	17%

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\*\* 2013-14 per pupil cost data from CT State Department of Education Bureau of Grants Management

## 2015 AP Scholars

2014	2015	
<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>AP National Scholars</b> Average score of at least 4 on all AP exams taken, and Average score of 4 or higher on 8 or more AP exams
<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>AP State Scholar</b> Granted to the one male and one female student in each state with scores of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams, and then the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP Exams
<b>127</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>AP Scholars With Distinction</b> Average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and Average score of 3 or higher on 5 or more AP exams
<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>AP Scholars With Honor</b> Average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and Scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more AP exams
<b>68</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>AP Scholars</b> Scores of 3 or higher on 3 or more AP exams  AP score range is 1 through 5 with a score of 3 designated as a passing score

**46% of students taking an AP exam are AP Scholars**

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