

***Jeffco Public Schools ACT Scores Show Substantial Improvement
Students Outperform State on PSAT and CMAS***

GOLDEN, Colo. (August 11, 2016) – For 2016, Jeffco Public Schools’ average ACT scores for English, Reading, Science and the overall composite score reached their highest level in the five-year trend reports. Jeffco’s ACT performance also exceeds state performance across all indicators. The district’s overall ACT composite score increase to 21.6 (compared to 21.1 in 2015), while the state increased from 20.1 in 2015 to 20.4 in 2016.

“I’m excited to see our student performance continue to improve,” said Superintendent Dan McMinimee. “Our teachers and educational support staff are innovative, positive, and always looking for ways to engage our kids. This is one result of those efforts.”

About one-third of test-takers met all four ACT benchmarks. Although the algebra college readiness ACT indicator did not change, the average ACT score for mathematics increased from 20.9 in 2015 to 21.1 in 2016.

Jeffco students also outperformed the state across all subjects on the 2016 PSAT 10, the first year of state-wide implementation for tenth grade students in Colorado. Approximately one-third of test-takers reached the College Board’s college and career readiness benchmark for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW). Although 24% of test-takers did not meet the benchmark for both ERW and math, scores still exceeded the state average.

2016 CMAS results also were positive for Jeffco, with students outperforming the state once again. For CMAS Science, 41% of fifth-graders, 38% of eighth-graders, and 34% of eleventh-graders met/exceeded expectations and outperformed the state by an average of eight points. Trends for eighth-graders in science remained relatively stable compared to 2015, while fifth-grader CMAS scores showed a slight decline in the percent who met/exceeded performance.

“Of course there is always room for improvement,” explained Dr. Carol Eaton, Executive Director for Instructional Data Services. “Analyzing state assessment scores in combination with results from district and school data allows us to see the big picture of what is working and where we still need to improve. The good news is that these state results affirm the district’s improvement efforts are headed in the right direction.”

About Jeffco Public Schools

Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence for more than 60 years. Approximately nine percent of all the K-12 students in Colorado attend a Jeffco school. Our mission is to provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future. The district serves over 86,000 students at 155 schools on 168 campuses. Find [Jeffco Public Schools](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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