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## BSD STUDENTS OUTPACE STATE, NATIONAL AVERAGES ON SAT & ACT

### *SCORES AT HIGHEST LEVEL IN EIGHT YEARS*

Boise, ID --09/14/2011 --Results from the 2011 American College Test (ACT) and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) show BSD students outperforming the State and Nation. This year's average BSD scores on the SAT and the ACT were at the highest level in the past eight years.

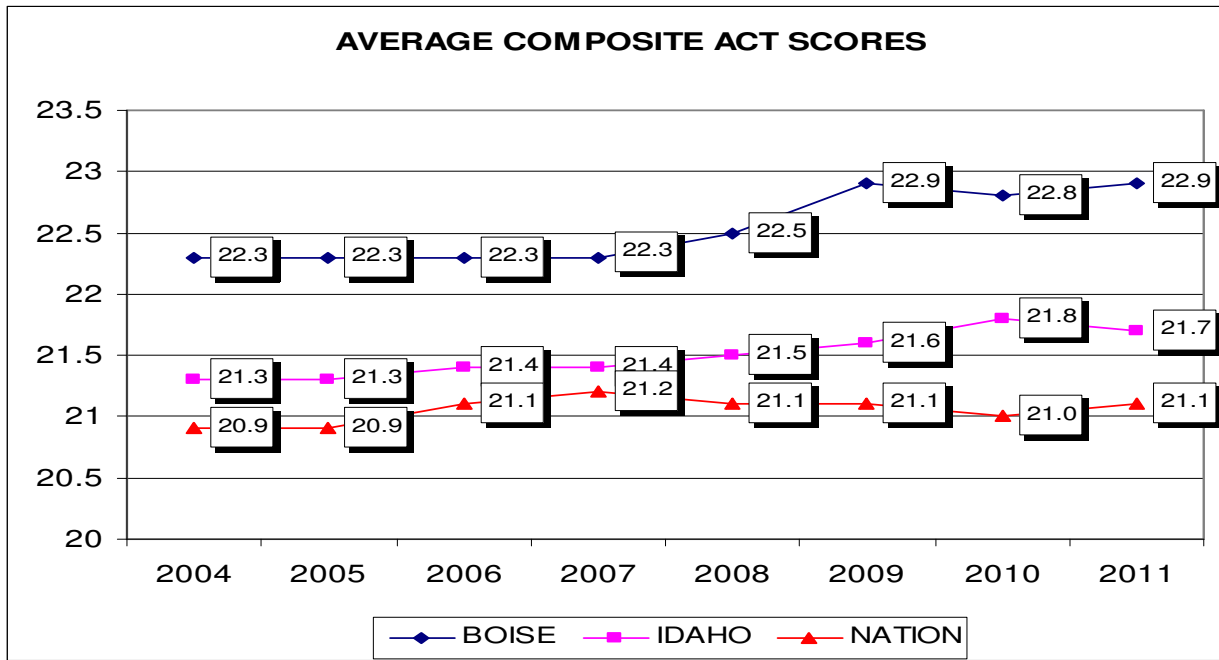
On the ACT, District students posted an average score of 22.9, a significant improvement compared with 22.3 in 2004. That surpasses the 21.7 score that Idaho scored as a whole, and the national average of 21.1.

“Our commitment to preparation for college, as demonstrated in increasing numbers of students taking rigorous coursework, is paying off in improved ACT and SAT scores,” said Dr. **Don Coberly**, District Superintendent, who also serves as the District’s Curriculum Director.

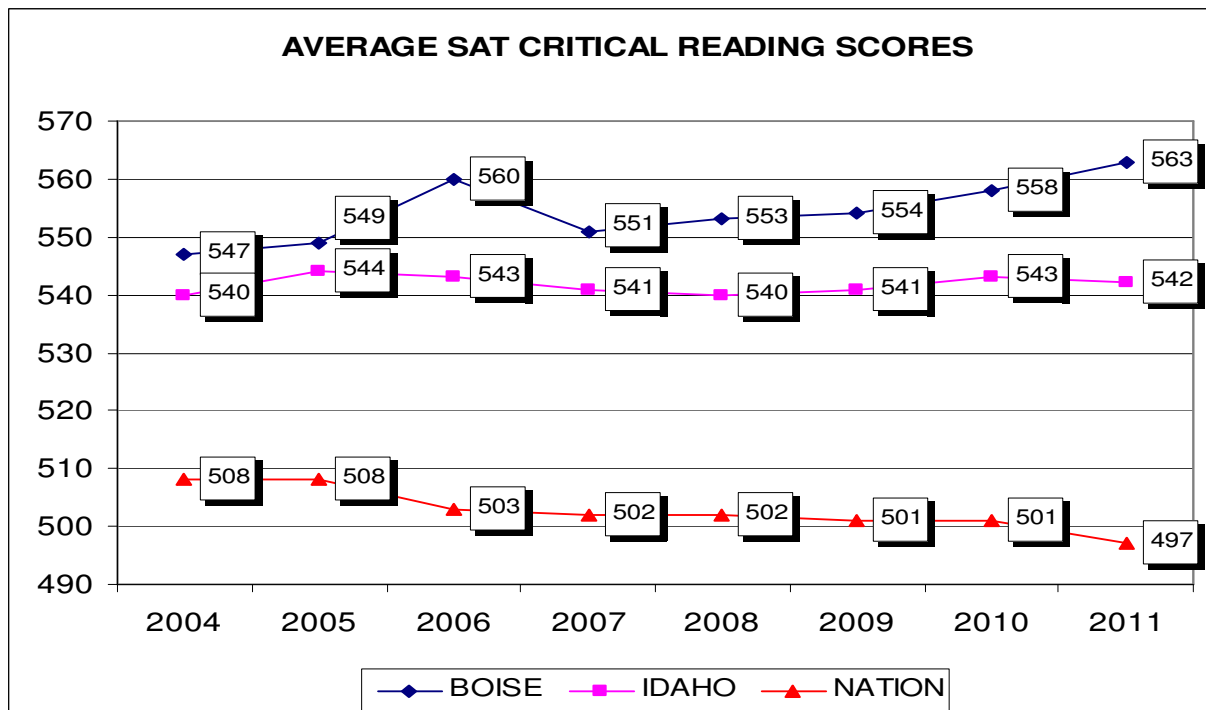
Results show 59% of Boise District students took the ACT in 2011, compared with 48% in 2004.

“Typically, the more students in a particular class who take a college prep test, the higher the likelihood test scores will go down,” explained Coberly. “However, in this situation, that’s not the case. The percentage of students taking the ACT has increased, and the average student score has improved.”

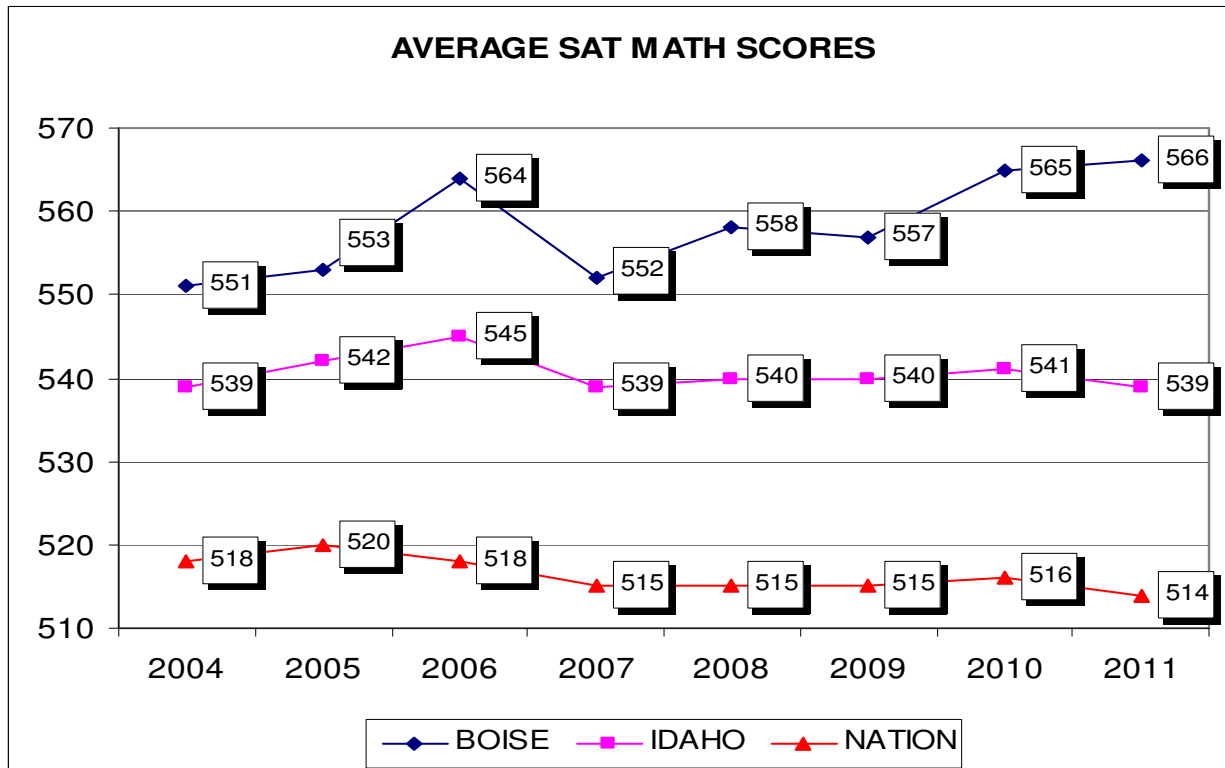
The following chart shows how District average composite scores on the ACT have improved since 2004, and are above both the State and National results:



On the SAT Critical Reading test, District students scored 563, compared with 547 in 2004. The District's results are significantly higher than Idaho and the Nation. Idaho, as a whole, scored 542, while the national score dipped to 497.



SAT Math scores showed a similar pattern of improvement. In 2004, Boise students scored 551; in 2011, the average score was 566. The State of Idaho as a whole scored 539 in 2011, while the national average score declined to 514.



The ACT is scored on a scale of 1-36; the 2011 average score was 21.1. The SAT is scored on a scale from 200-800.

Boise School District is committed to preparing students for college and career opportunities. Goal 1 of the District’s Strategic Plan is to “deliver an exceptional aligned K-12 curriculum which prepares students for success in the work environment, college and university studies, and citizenship in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”

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