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2002 SAT Scores for DoDEA Released DoDEA Students' SAT Participation Climbs to New High

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA – Dr. Joseph Tafoya, Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), today announced the 2002 SAT I scores for the domestic (DDESS) and overseas (DoDDS) systems. DoDEA students' 2002 SAT I participation rate (number of SAT-Takers to total 12th grade enrollment) jumped to a new high of 68% from 64% in 2001 which was up from 59% in 2000. The College Board's National Report on 2001 College-Bound Seniors warns that "scores tend to decline with a rise in percentage of test takers." Although, DoDEA's participation rate significantly increased by 4 percentage points, the SAT I average math score remained at 497 and the average verbal score fell by only one point to 504.

Both the DDESS and DoDDS systems saw substantial increases in their students' 2002 SAT I participation rates. The DoDDS students' participation rate shows a gain to 74% in 2002 from 70% in 2001. In just one year, the DDESS students' participation rate climbed 10 percentage points to a new high of 49% in 2002. The increasing number of DDESS students participating in the SAT is remarkable because a substantial number of DDESS students take the ACT, an alternate college entrance test.

Six DoDEA students earned a perfect score of 800 on the verbal section. In addition, four DoDEA students earned the top score of 800 in mathematics.

1998-2002 SAT I Results for DoDEA, DDESS, DoDDS, and the Nation

SAT	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
DoDEA Math	502	498	500	497	497
DDESS Math	481	474	493	486	476
DoDDS Math	505	501	501	499	500
Nation Math	512	511	514	514	516
DoDEA Verbal	508	504	504	505	504
DDESS Verbal	483	483	496	497	490
DoDDS Verbal	511	506	505	506	506
Nation Verbal	505	505	505	505	504

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2000 to 2002 SAT I Participation Rates

SAT Participation	2000	2001	2002	2 Year % Change
DoDEA	59%	64%	68%	+9
DDESS	37%*	39%*	49%*	+12
DoDDS	64%	70%	74%	+10
Nation	44%	45%	46%	+2

* Because ACT is the primary college entrance exam for Ft. Campbell and Ft. Knox, DDESS student participation is lower for the SAT.

Hispanic students in DoDEA outperformed their stateside counterparts in 2002 in the SAT verbal section by 21 points. African-American students scored 26 points higher than their peers in the Nation on the SAT verbal section and scored significantly higher in math.

2001 SAT I Results for African-American and Hispanic Students

AFRICAN-AMERICAN	2002
DoDEA Math	432
Nation Math	427
DoDEA Verbal	456
Nation Verbal	430

HISPANIC	2002
DoDEA Math	455
Nation Math	459
DoDEA Verbal	473
Nation Verbal	452

The SAT I is a three-hour test, primarily multiple-choice, that measures verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities related to successful performance in college. SAT I scores range from 200 (lowest) to 800 (highest), with the 2002 National average scores at 504 for verbal and 516 for mathematics. The SAT I is intended to supplement the secondary school record and other information about the student, in assessing readiness for college-level work. SAT scores are required by about 90 percent of four-year colleges and universities that have admission requirements.

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