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2005 SAT Scores for DoDEA Released

Strong Gains in SAT Verbal Scores Reported for DoDEA Students

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA – Dr. Joseph Tafoya, Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), today announced the 2005 SAT I results for the system, showing a strong gain on the verbal portion of the test. The DoDEA results on the verbal section showed an increase of eight points, from 506 in 2004, to 514 in 2005. Results on the math test showed a gain of two points, from 503 in 2004, to 505 in 2005. Seven DoDEA students earned a perfect score of 800 on the verbal test and five DoDEA students earned the top score of 800 in mathematics.

Math and Verbal results for DoDEA, DDESS, DoDDS and the nation are reported in the table below.

2002-2005 SAT I Results for DoDEA, DDESS, DoDDS, and the Nation

SAT	2002	2003	2004	2005
DoDEA Math	497	498	503	505
DDESS Math	476	481	483	474
DoDDS Math	500	500	506	508
Nation Math	516	519	518	520
DoDEA Verbal	504	509	506	514
DDESS Verbal	490	499	496	493
DoDDS Verbal	506	510	508	516
Nation Verbal	504	507	508	508

The DoDEA overall participation rate increased from 65% in 2004 to 67% in 2005. A total of 2,200 of the 3,303 2005 DoDEA high school graduates took the SAT I. DoDEA students’ participation rate of 67% continues to be substantially higher in 2005 than the national participation rate of 49%. The College Board’s National Report on 2005 College-Bound Seniors warns that “scores tend to decline with a rise in percentage of test takers.” Participation rate information for DoDEA, DDESS, DoDDS and the nation are reported in the table below.

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2002-2005 SAT I Participation Rates for DoDEA, DDESS, DoDDS, and the Nation

SAT Participation	2002	2003	2004	2005
DoDEA	68%	68%	65%	67%
DDESS	49%*	40%*	45%*	38%*
DoDDS	74%	74%	69%	72%
Nation	46%	48%	48%	49%

* Because ACT is the primary college entrance exam for Ft. Campbell and Ft. Knox students, the DDESS participation rate for the SAT is normally lower than the rate for DoDDS.

African-American students scored 23 points higher than their peers in the nation on the verbal test and 17 points higher in math in 2005. Since 2002, African-American students in DoDEA have made a strong gain of 16 points on the math test while maintaining the score of 456 on the verbal test.

2002-2005 SAT I Results for African-American Students

AFRICAN-AMERICAN	2002	2003	2004	2005
DoDEA Math	432	447	452	448
Nation Math	427	426	427	431
DoDEA Verbal	456	462	470	456
Nation Verbal	430	431	430	433

Hispanic students in DoDEA outperformed their stateside counterparts in 2005 by 21 points on the verbal test. The DoDEA Hispanic students' verbal score increased by six points from 473 in 2002 to 479 in 2005. DoDEA's Hispanic students' mean math score rose by 9 points from last year to 473 in 2005. There has been a consistent upward trend in the math scores of DoDEA's Hispanic students with the 2005 mean score being eighteen points higher than the 2002 score and eight points higher than the national average for Hispanic students.

2002-2005 SAT I Results for Hispanic Students

HISPANIC	2002	2003	2004	2005
DoDEA Math	455	458	464	473
Nation Math	459	459	460	465
DoDEA Verbal	473	475	474	479
Nation Verbal	452	452	456	458

The SAT I is a three-hour test 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 2005 national average score of 508 for the verbal test and 520 for math. 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 80 percent of four-year colleges and universities that have admission requirements.

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