



Minnesota and ACT

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EXPLORE[®]/PLAN[®] and the ACT[®] Test

- Since the 2005-06 school year:
 - 256,710 EXPLORE assessments
 - 370,356 PLAN assessments
 - 307,941 graduates have taken the ACT test

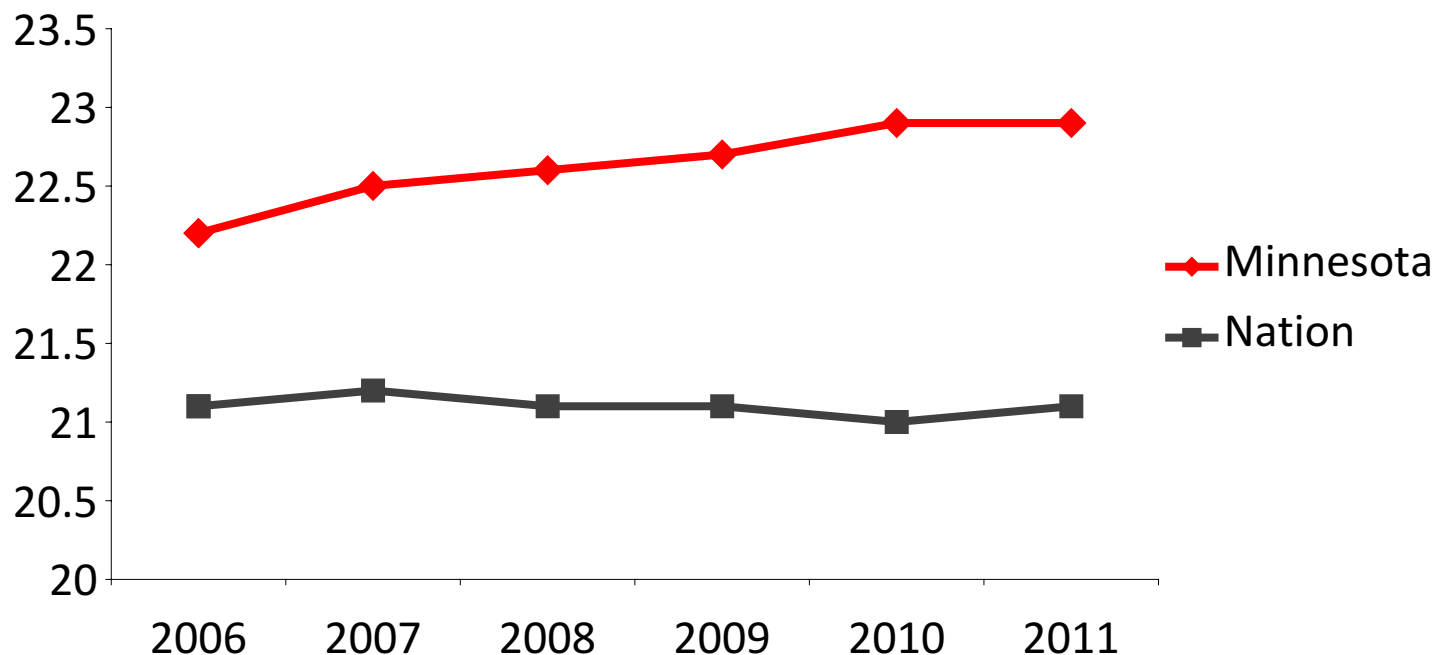
Minnesota Class of 2011

- 4,952 graduates took the ACT test
(72% of MN graduates)
- The ACT test composite score was 22.9
- 54,638 10th grade students took PLAN
- 40,076 8th grade students took EXPLORE

Minnesota Class of 2011

Trends in Student Performance

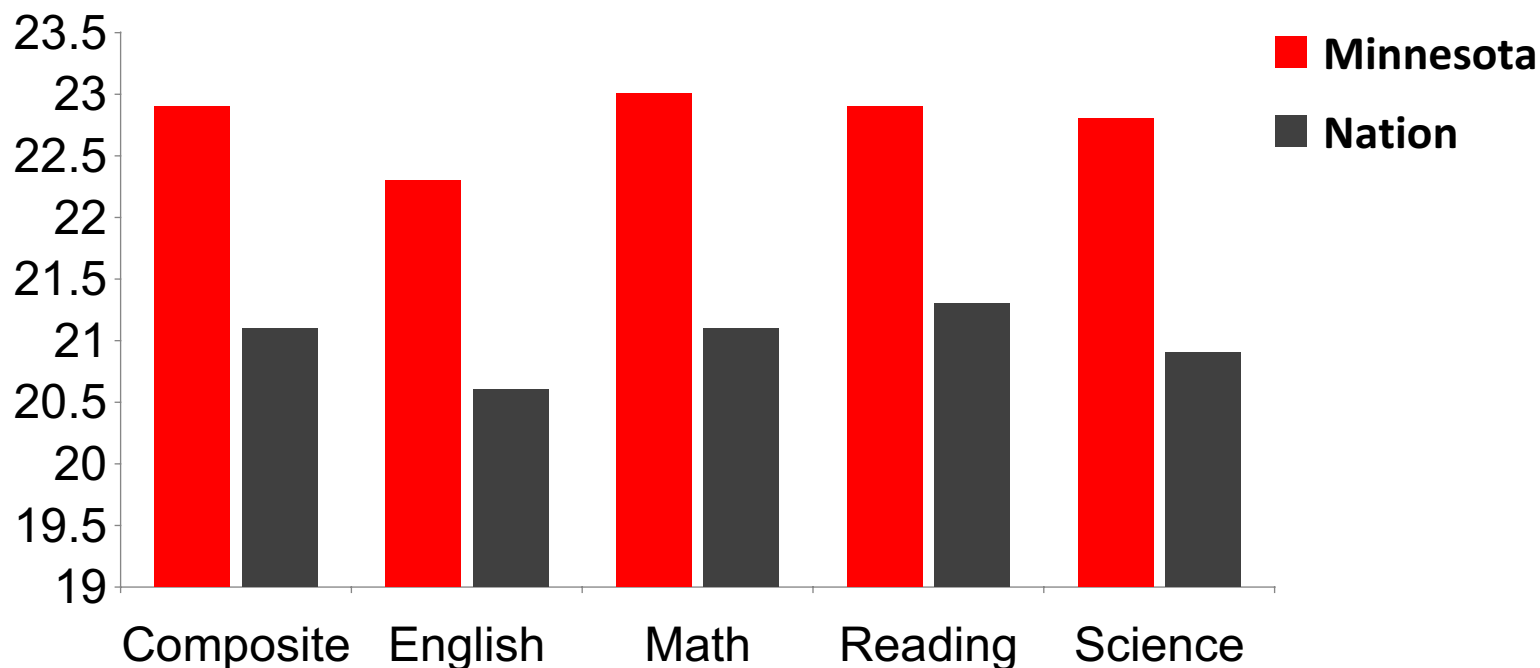
ACT Composite Scores 2006-2011



Minnesota Class of 2011

Trends in Student Performance

**Average ACT Composite and
Subject Scores 2011**





Next Generation Assessment System

Unlocking Personal Potential Through Insights



Affirming the Needs of States

- **Supporting Teaching and Learning as well as Accountability**
 - Summative
 - Formative
- **Online Delivery to Maximize Effectiveness**
 - Deliver innovative item types
 - Enhanced scoring and reporting capabilities
 - Faster turnaround time
 - Reporting to support classroom instruction



Affirming the Needs of States

- **Multiple Measures of College and Career Readiness**
 - High School summative
 - 3-7 and early high school assessments
 - Non-cognitive and behavioral assessments
- **Affordability / Configurability**
 - Modular components to create customized state and local solutions



The Vision

ACT's Next Generation College and Career Readiness Assessment System

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12		
Summative Assessments								The ACT			
					High School End-of-Course Assessment						
Classroom / Individual Formative Assessment											
Non-Cognitive Measures—Behavioral, Career, Work Readiness											

- Vertically-articulated, standards-based system of assessments aligned with Common Core State Standards and ACT College Readiness Benchmarks and Standards
- Summative assessments on a vertical scale that spans grades 3-10 and links to ACT's College Readiness Score Scale
- Computer delivered (*with paper and pencil options available*)
- Access to career, work readiness, and non-cognitive tools

Development is Under Way

- Further details will be released as they become available over the months ahead
- Enroll to receive updates at:
<http://www.act.org/nextgen/>



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