



**Board of Education
Administrative Report**

Title of Report: SAT and AP Results

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Action Report Information Discussion

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Executive Summary

SAT's are still a major tool used by colleges and universities to help decide student acceptance. Over the past few years the PSAT/SAT has changed to more reflect the current trends in education. PSAT's are used to see how we are progressing towards assisting students achieve their potential. The Advanced Placement test is important for rigor at the high school level thus allowing students to achieve college credit for their efforts. These credits can save students monetarily and allows them to take more advanced courses in their freshman year.

Report

SAT

I have included information on both the PSAT (attached) and SAT (below). The data suggests that we continue to perform well when compared to the state and the US/International scores. The College Board estimates that, year over year, students increase their scores by an average of 20-30 points in each English and math. We have met or exceeded those averages (attached: Growth Over Time). We continue to stress academics in all departments with teacher goals sharply aligned with problem solving strategies which proves to benefit any assessment given to our students.

SAT	Spring 2018 ELA	Spring 2018 Math	Total
Somers	523	518	1041
State	514	502	1016
US/International	487	483	970



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AP

I have included a 5-Year report which shows that our students taking the AP exam has increased and the number of exams taken has increased as well. However, our scores tend to fluctuate year to year. Although we have criteria in place for students wishing to take an AP course, we do allow any student to waive into the course providing that both student and parent understand the work required within the subject area. We also require that all students take the AP exam. Both of the aforementioned will skew some comparative data with state and US averages. The latest testing illustrates that our students did well in English, Math, and Art. In the sciences, Biology and Chemistry scores were below expectations. US History scores were also lower than we had expected, although 2016 and 2017 scores were on target. We will continue to increase the skill sets for our instructors and incorporate more rigor into the feeder courses.

Discipline	Average Score
AP English	3.75
AP Art	4.25
AP Statistics	3.36
AP Calculus	3.55
AP Biology	2.93
AP Chemistry	1.75
AP History	2.55

(See attached summary for complete scores)