

### ***Ohio's ACT, SAT scores down***

ACT recently released a report revealing that the national average composite score for the class of 2018 dropped slightly from 21 in the previous year to 20.8, with Ohio scores falling from 22 to 20.3 in the first year in which all high school juniors were required to take the ACT or SAT.

Only 40 percent of students taking the assessment met the College Readiness Benchmark – an indication of students' likely ability to successfully complete a first-year math course. Only 35 percent of Ohio test takers met that benchmark.

Release of SAT performance data also showed a dip in Ohio, with mean scores of 547 in math and 552 in evidence-based reading and writing (ERW) for a total of 1,099, compared to 1,149 last year. Ohio's SAT scores were above the national mean scores of 531 in math and 536 in ERW, and a total of 1,068.

Ohio's participation rates increased significantly over last year – from about 92,700 to 127,400 for the ACT (37 percent), and from about 14,550 to 23,000 (58 percent) for the SAT.