Bend-La Pine Students Exceed Oregon SAT Scores

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Bend-La Pine Schools students have exceeded the statewide, and national, averages for SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) scores for the sixth year in a row. Students in the district scored an average of 546 on the math section, 529 on the critical reading section, and 510 on the new writing section.

Since 2000, students in the Bend-La Pine School system have continually scored higher on the SAT tests than their peers nation- and state-wide.

This year, on average, Bend-La Pine students scored 17 points higher on the math section, 6 points higher on the critical reading section, and 7 points higher on the writing section of the SAT than their Oregon peers.

That number is even more dramatic when compared to national averages where Bend-La Pine students out-scored their peers by 28 points in math, 26 points in critical reading and 13 points in writing.

â€œOur students are engaged in their education and it is quite evident when you see numbers like these. Both the students and staff should be commended for a job well done,â€• said Superintendent Dr. Doug Nelson.

About the 2006 Oregon SAT Results

According to state reports, Oregonâ€™s math score of 529 was one point higher than last year and higher than the national average of 518. Oregonâ€™s critical reading score of 523 was 3 points lower than in 2005, but still higher than the national average of 503. The 2006 SAT included writing for the first time, and Oregonâ€™s writing score was 503, higher than the national average of 497. Nationally, math and critical reading scores declined from 2005.

SAT scores for individual schools are reported as part of the school report cards, released by the Oregon Department of Education in October.