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## ACT Scores Released

*Largest number of test-takers in 12 years*

CHARLESTON, S.C.—Based on a report released today by the ACT, CCSD students are taking the ACT at record numbers, while continuing to outscore their state peers in English, Reading, Science, and overall. In 2009, 924 students took the ACT—by far the largest number of test takers in twelve years.

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Year	Number of Students	Composite
2004-05	636	18.9
2005-06	707	19.5
2006-07	769	19.5
2007-08	769	20.2
2008-09	834	20.6
<b>2009-10</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>20.1</b>

Overall, as more students—representing the greatest one-year increase in participation in eight years—took the test, there was a slight decrease in scores from 2008-09 to 2009-2010. CCSD has an aggressive plan for increasing access to and performance on college entrance exams, which includes state- and district-funded “PLAN” and PSAT tests in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade at no charge for students. All students have Individual Graduation Plans and are strongly encouraged to take—and prepare early for—the ACT and SAT.

“We believe that every student must be prepared for success in college and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century workforce, and I am pleased to see that more students than ever before are taking the ACT,” said Superintendent Dr. Nancy McGinley. “Our focus on literacy improvement, combined with our emphasis on postsecondary education and access for every student, will help us continue to increase these ACT participation numbers and improve scores.”

For more information on the ACT report, visit [www.ccsdschools.com](http://www.ccsdschools.com).