



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

For additional information, please contact:
Tracy Thayer, Federal Programs Director
(830) 796-6300 • tthayer@banderaisd.net

September 21, 2011

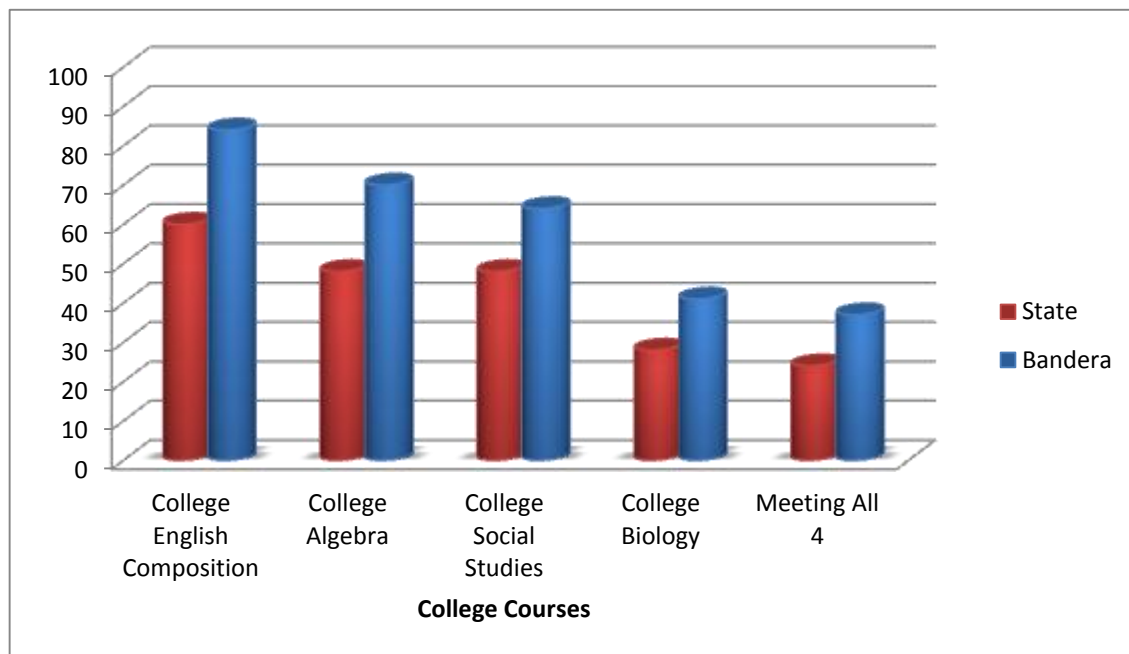
Bandera, TX

Bandera Graduates Post Exceptional College Entrance Exam Scores

While state and national college entrance exam scores reportedly are dipping to an all time low across the nation, Bandera ISD has remained at the top of entrance exam scores for 2011.

In evaluating a longitudinal trend, Bandera ISD average ACT scores have met or exceeded state ACT scores since 2007. 2011 marks a year where district ACT scores have exceeded state scores by significant margins in all areas: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science and Composite. A total of 83 students were tested with the Act in 2011. On each test, Bandera ISD seniors outperformed the state average by approximately 3 points.

Percent of ACT-Tested Students Ready for College Level Coursework



To be considered ready for college level work the following benchmark scores are considered:
English Composition: 18 on ACT English Test; Algebra: 22 on ACT Mathematics Test; Social Studies: 21 on ACT Reading Test; Biology: 24 on ACT Science Test.

Bandera ISD SAT scores have remained well above the state average in all areas of the test. Bandera ISD's average Critical Reading score for 2011 was 490 compared to the state average of 479. Bandera's average writing score for 2011 was 469, 4 points more than the state average of 465. In math, Bandera's average SAT score was 524, topping the state by 22 points and the national average by 10 points.

For more information on how to register for college entrance exams or how to plan for college admission, contact the counselors at Bandera High School at 796-6269 for more information.