

## **Germantown school district tops ACT scores with 26.3 average at Houston High**

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**Germantown School District Superintendent Jason Manuel speaks to a small group of boosters and business leaders during a ceremony on July 10, 2019 at Houston High School to mark the start of construction on a new fieldhouse to be located adjacent to the football field. (Jim Weber/Daily Memphian file)**

Houston High School has done it again.

For the fifth year in a row, the Germantown Municipal School District's lone high school has given the school system the top district average ACT score in the state among public schools.

Houston High School's class of 2019 average rose significantly at 26.3. In 2018, the district average was 25.9.

The state reported 26.3 as the highest composite score in state history.

“The ACT is a great measure for our district because instruction for a student to perform well really begins in the lower grades,” Germantown Superintendent Jason Manuel said. “Success on the ACT is dependent upon the entirety of a student’s academic career from elementary through high school. It could not make me more proud of our staff and of our students for continuing to grow each year.”

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The Tennessee Department of Education released district average composite scores for the class of 2019 Monday morning.

The state reported all the suburban districts except Arlington had 100% of 2019 seniors take the ACT.

### **Arlington**

Arlington Community Schools May 2019 graduates saw a slight decrease from the class of 2018's average score of 23.6, which was the fifth-highest in the state. The class of 2019 had an average composite score of 22.8, which is ninth in the state

### **Bartlett**

Bartlett City Schools class of 2019 students had a score of 21.5, which ranks 15th in the state. Bartlett showed slight improvement as the district average for the class of 2018 was 21.2, which was 22nd in the state.

### **Collierville**

Collierville High School's class of 2019 earned the third highest composite average at 24.7. In 2018, Collierville High graduates had a composite average of 25.1, which was the also third highest in the state.

### **Millington**

Millington Schools' class of 2019 had a district average of 18.4, which is a slight decline from previous years.

In 2018, the district average was 18.9, 105 out of 130 districts. In 2017, the district average was 19.

### **Statewide**

Tennessee Department of Education saw a slight decrease in the state average ACT composite score. In 2018, Tennessee seniors scored an average of 20.2, but the class of 2019 had an average score of 20. The state uses the test to gauge if schools are preparing seniors adequately for college or careers after high school, and the Department of Education wants the state average to be 21 by 2020.

The state reported 98% of students took the ACT.

Students who score a 21 are eligible for the HOPE scholarship, which is given to students who go to eligible Tennessee colleges after graduating from a Tennessee high school.

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