

Harpeth High Special Report

November 6, 2008

The State of Tennessee has just released the school report card and Harpeth High has upheld the tradition of being a Blue Ribbon School!

Check out all of the results at <http://edu.reportcard.state.tn.us>

Harpeth High students have exceeded the predicted score for every core subject area.

Gateway/End of Course

Subject	Observed Score	Predicted Score	Status	Observed 3 Yr Avg	Predicted 3 Yr Avg	Status 3 Yr Avg
Math Alg 1	568.2	542	Above	559.6	537.8	Above
Science (Bio 1)	553.2	546.5	Above	552.1	546.4	Above
English (Eng 2)	553.5	541.7	Above	546	536.1	Above
Math Foundations	582.8	530.9	Above	577.7	537.3	Above
English 1	525	517.8	Above	523.8	520	Above
Physical Science	558.8	539.4	Above	560.6	541.1	Above
Us History	536.5	520.8	Above	524.6	520.9	Above

These scores are a result of teachers and students who work very hard and have a will to be the best. We are most proud of the increase in English 1 and U.S. History scores.

Check Out HHS' ACT Scores

Subject	Observed Score	Predicted Score	Status
Composite	20.59	20.59	Above
English	22.26	20.82	Above
Math	20.58	20.08	NDD
Reading	22.32	21.09	Above
Science/Reasoning	20.59	20.59	NDD

*** NDD- indicates no detectable difference.

The administration and teachers at Harpeth High have been working diligently to increase the graduation rate. Last year Director Seifert added a new administrative position to specifically address the needs of the at-risk student. Jamie Wilson was hired as the Assistant Principal of Academic Instruction. His role is to serve as a graduation coach to all students and particularly to students at-risk for not graduating. Mr. Wilson has had a tremendous influence on the students at HHS and our graduation rate has increased.

	2006	2007	2008	State Goal
Graduation Rate	89.9	90.9	91.1	90

There is always room for improvement. Harpeth 11th graders continue to struggle to show value-added progress on the TCAP Writing Assessment.

Writing Assessment Scores

Subject	Observed Score	Predicted Score	Status	Observed 3 Yr Avg	Predicted 3 Yr Avg	Status 3 Yr Avg
11 th grade Writing	3.94	4.08	Below	3.95	4.08	Below

The English teachers have worked together to develop strategies to improve our writing scores. The English teachers and Principal Simpkins attended a

workshop at the State Department of Education on September 10, 2008 to learn from the experts on how to improve writing scores. The English teachers have also implemented strategies from the 6 +1 writing Traits by Ruth Culham. Students are keeping a writing portfolio in all of the English classes and learning to develop their writing skills. We are hopeful that our students will perform better on the test this February.

A Parent Engagement Meeting has been scheduled for November 18 at 6:00 p.m. to review the entire report card. Every parent is encouraged to attend.