

RE: Class of 2007 SAT Results

Today, the College Board released the local, state and national results for the Class of 2007. These figures are based on the results of the last test taken, not necessarily the best or the worst.

I am happy to share these results. The Class of 2007 reversed the downward numbers of the Class of 2006. For example, while the national numbers remained flat with statistically insignificant declines in critical reading (one point), mathematics (3 points) and a three point increase in critical writing, Granby's results indicate increases compared with 2006. Specifically, critical reading up by thirty points to 507, math increasing by ten points to 518 and critical writing by 22 points to 508. Our participation rate of 77 percent equals the participation rate for the Class of 2006.

For a broader perspective, find below the Granby results for the past five years.

<i>Class of</i>	<i>Student Participation</i>	<i>Mean Verbal</i>	<i>Mean Math</i>	<i>Mean Writing</i>
2006	60 = 77%	477	508	486
2005	36 = 64%	548	533	n/a
2004	52 = 66%	538	548	n/a
2003	52 = 70%	527	526	n/a
2002	49 = 72%	523	549	n/a

I will present this data to the faculty when we convene on September 4th and it will be at the core of our professional conversations as we focus on continuing improvement for all.

The College Board is wise with its advice to all of us on “comparing states and schools” when it notes that:

“Media and others often rank states, districts, and schools on the basis of SAT scores despite repeated warnings that such rankings are invalid. The SAT is a strong indicator of trends in the college-bound population, but it should never be used alone for such comparisons because demographics and other nonschool factors can have a strong effect on scores.”