

ORANGE COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: September 19, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 11-09-(2)-13

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: SAT/ACT Test Results 2011

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Detailed PowerPoint Presentation

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**PURPOSE:** To provide the Board of Education the annual report of the SAT and ACT results as well as a five year analysis of student performance on both of these college entrance exam measures.

**BACKGROUND:** The results of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the ACT are released annually so school districts may review how their students performed on these two nationally recognized college entrance exams. Results are based on the most recent SAT and ACT taken by public school graduating seniors in 2011.

2011 SAT results: The district's high school seniors' scores show that Orange County Schools are performing above both the state and national averages. Orange High School showed an increase in the Composite and overall Grand Composite score over their 2010 performance. The district's Composite score ranked 9<sup>th</sup> overall in the state, up from 11<sup>th</sup> last year. The district ranked 7<sup>th</sup> overall for grand composite, up from 13<sup>th</sup> last year, and 10<sup>th</sup> in the state on percent of students that took the SAT. The district also ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in Critical Reading and 6<sup>th</sup> in the state in Writing.

2011 ACT results: The district's high school seniors' scores show that Orange County Schools are performing above both the state and national averages. Both Cedar Ridge and Orange High's Composite scores dropped this year from their 2009-10 year although Orange High grew in their Reading and Science subscores.


The school district provides several resources designed to assist students as they prepare to sit for these college entrance exams. An annual license is purchased for *The College Board SAT Online Course* that provides materials that students can access both at school and at home. Both high schools also offer a college readiness exam preparatory class as an elective.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Cost for annual College Board SAT online course software is \$6,095.00.


**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education receive for information the 2011 SAT/ACT results.

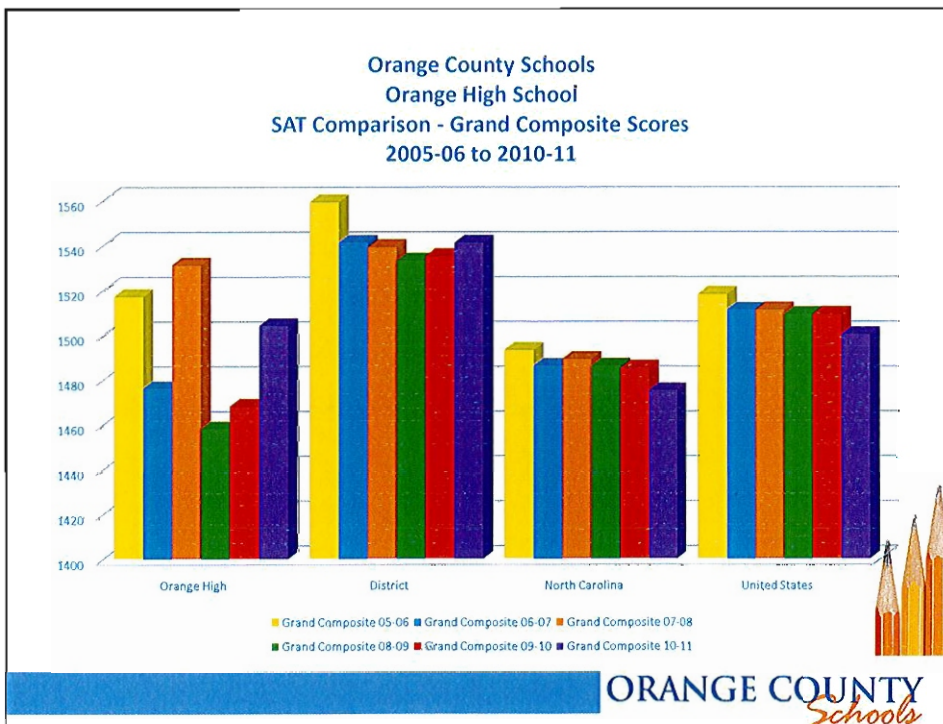
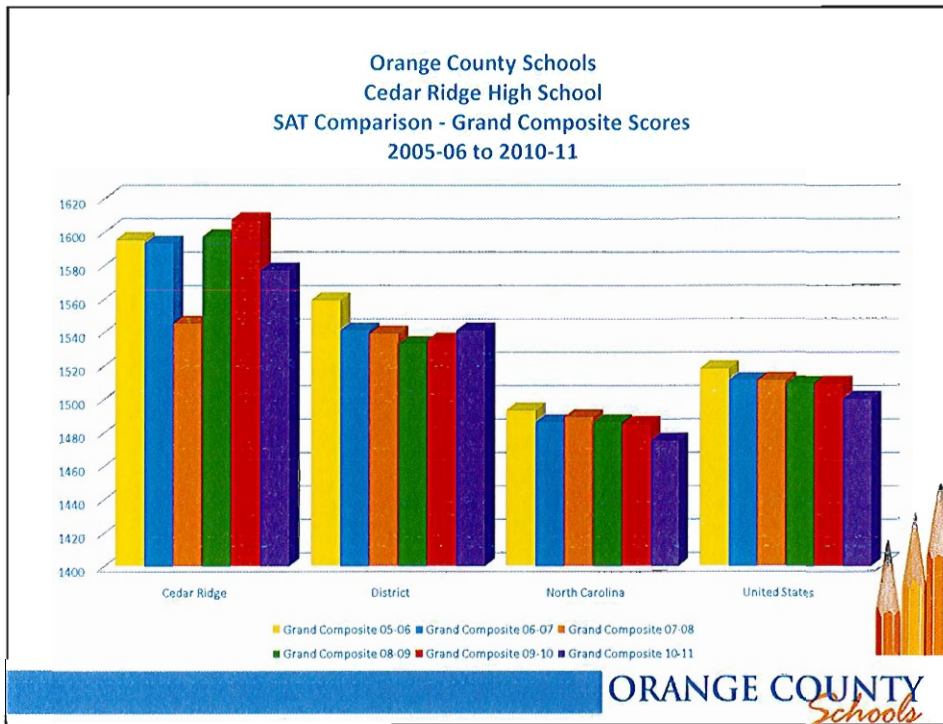
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# ACT Results



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2006-07 to 2010-11 ACT Results  
Composite Scores

