

Thornton Township High School District 205

Board of Education Meeting

October 9, 2013

Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:

Blue Island * Burnham * Calumet City * Dixmoor * Dolton * East Hazel Crest * Harvey *
Hazel Crest * Lansing * Markham * Phoenix * Posen * Riverdale * South Holland
* Thornton

Open Session



Roll Call



Pledge of Allegiance



Committee of the Whole



- Report from Curriculum Committee
- Report from Finance Committee
- Report from Policy Committee
- Report from Discipline Committee

Consent Agenda

- ☞ **Approval of District 205 Bill dated:** September 12, September 20, September 27 and October 4, 2013
- ☞ **Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence and Employment

Public Participation

We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.

In addition, if your comments are of a crucial nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the “executive session.”

Your name will not be called if you do not sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.

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☞ Mr. Jerry Doss

Communications



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☞ Thornridge High School News

- ☞ Thornridge High School held their 2nd Annual Gates Millennium Scholarship Lunch & Workshop on September 16th for all Seniors with the qualifying G.P.A. of 3.3 and higher. The lunch was provided for our 46 potential Gates Millennium Scholars. The workshop was run by Mrs. Ferguson, the College & Career Counselor. All of the Seniors have committed to working with Mrs. Ferguson once a week to prepare and submit their application by or before January 15, 2014.



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∞ Thornton Township High School News

Emmanuel Barjebo, Thornton Senior and Varsity Soccer Player, won the Southwest Suburban Conference Medal for Sportsmanship.

Congratulations!

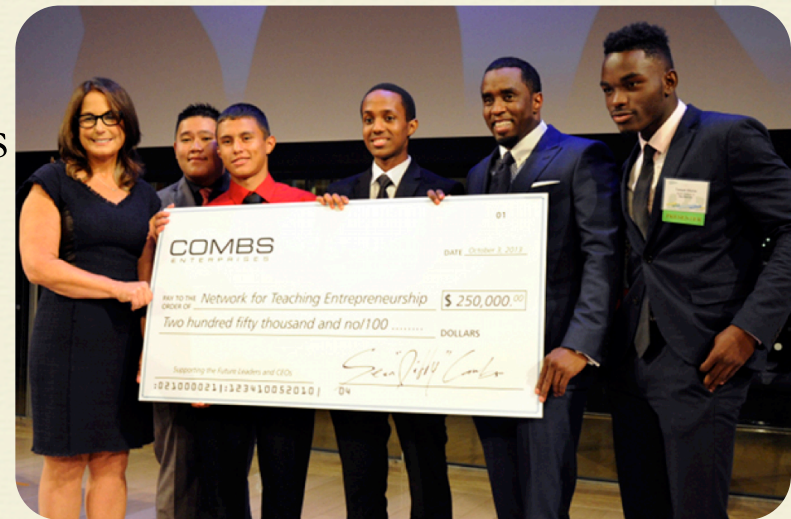
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☞ Thornwood High School News

Thornwood's own Jesus Fernandez-Ortiz & Toheeb Okenla emerged from 38 competitors to win the 2013 NFTE National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. They took home the \$25,000 grand prize for their business T&J Soccer.



Congratulations



Upcoming Events

October

❧ Oct. 7-12 – Homecoming Week for Thornridge

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❧ Oct. 14 – Columbus Day – **NO SCHOOL**

❧ Oct. 18 – End of Quarter 1

❧ Oct. 23 – Late Start

❧ Oct. 26 – ACT Test

Upcoming Events

November

- ❧ Nov. 4 – Finance Committee Meeting, 9am, District Office
- ❧ Nov. 6 – Late Start
- ❧ Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL
- ❧ Nov. 12 – Student Board of Education Meeting, 4pm, Thornridge
- ❧ Nov. 13 – Board of Education Meeting, 6:30pm, Thornridge

Unfinished Business



New Business



☞ Recommended Approval of 2013-2014 SCOPE Annual Dues (*Policy Section 2:120*) –

Dr. McJunkins (Approval Needed)

New Business



- ❧ Recommended Approval of Request for Proposals for Installation of Artificial Turf at Football Fields at Thornton, Thornridge and Thornwood High Schools (*Policy Section 4:60*) –

Mr. Charnot (Approval Needed)

Superintendent's Report





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HIGH SCHOOLS DISTRICT 205

PSAE REPORT

Thornridge ~ Thornton ~ Thornwood

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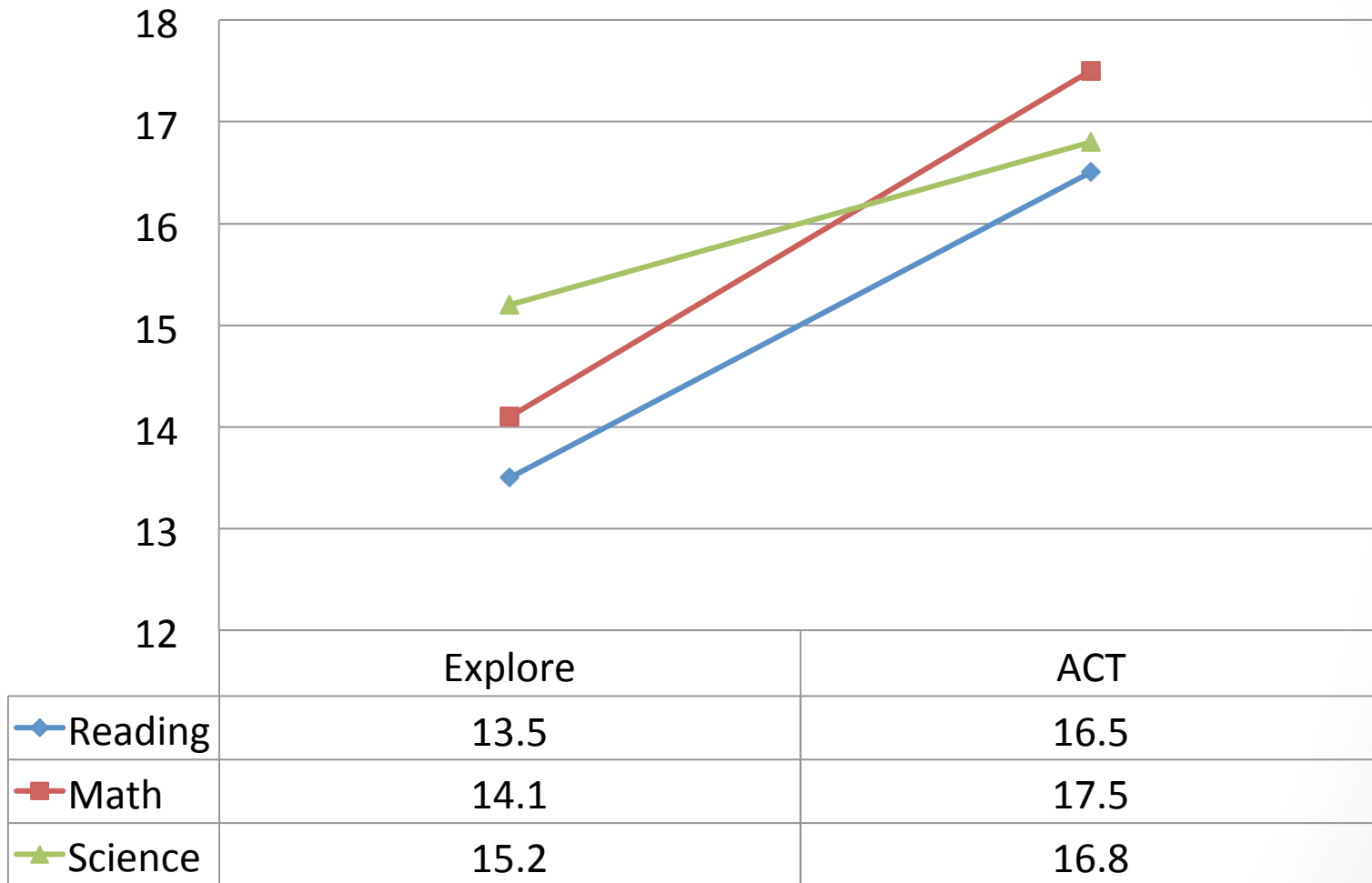
Spring 2013 PSAE Results

Subject Area	Day 1 - ACT	Day 2 - Workkeys/ ISBE	Warning	Below	Meets & Exceeds
Reading	16	4	17%	57%	27%
Math	17	4	18%	59%	23%
Science	16	62	20%	69%	11%

Thornridge

Growth by Subject Area

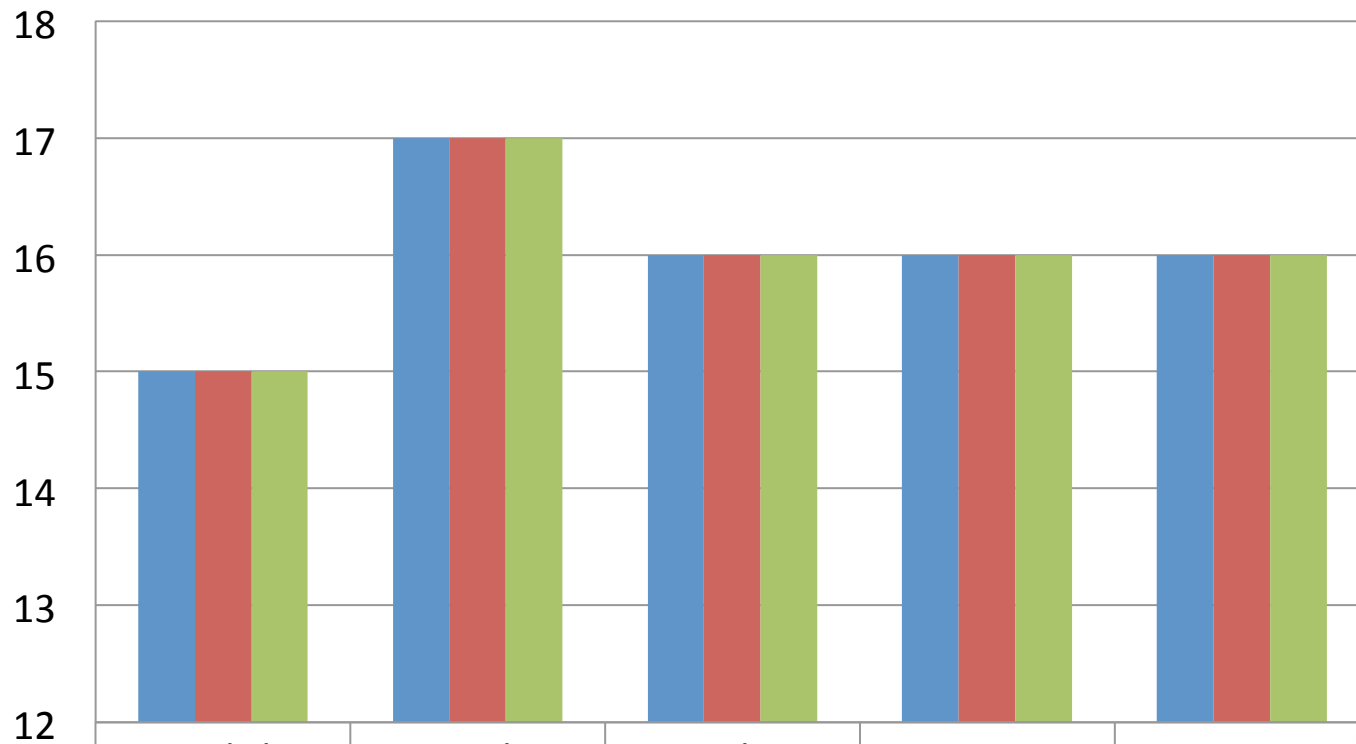
8th Grade Explore to Junior ACT ~ Class of 2014



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Average ACT Scores

April 2011 – April 2013



■ April 2011	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
■ April 2012	15	17	16	16	16
■ April 2013	15	17	16	16	16

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Plan to Increase Growth

PSAE Strategy – Class of 2015

- All core Content Staff: Implement weekly instructional strategies as follows:
 - Work Keys Wednesdays
 - PSAE Thursdays
- English/Reading – Subject-specific interim assessments given across the content that is PSAE/ACT focused
- Math – PSAE/ACT strategies are embedded throughout the content; Strategic supports in Algebra II implemented to improve students' achievement
- Science: Implementing strategies in the Junior-level courses to instruction and learning for students

Practice ACT Plan

- Schedule Class of 2015 students to take a minimum of 2 practice ACT tests:
 - 80-90 Juniors to test Sept., Oct., Nov. '13 (240-270 students or 78-88% of the class)
 - Schedule same students to test Jan., Feb., Mar. '14
- Strategic, targeted PSAE/ACT academic support (1st period or after school)

PSAE/ACT Instructional Monitoring and Support

- Meet with Academic Leadership Team (ALT), Data, Math and Literacy Coaches to discuss instructional implementation of PSAE/ACT strategies and supportive academic strategies at the classroom level
- Collect and analyze PSAE/ACT-related assessment data to make informed decisions about instructional strategies, supports, professional development needs and lesson planning

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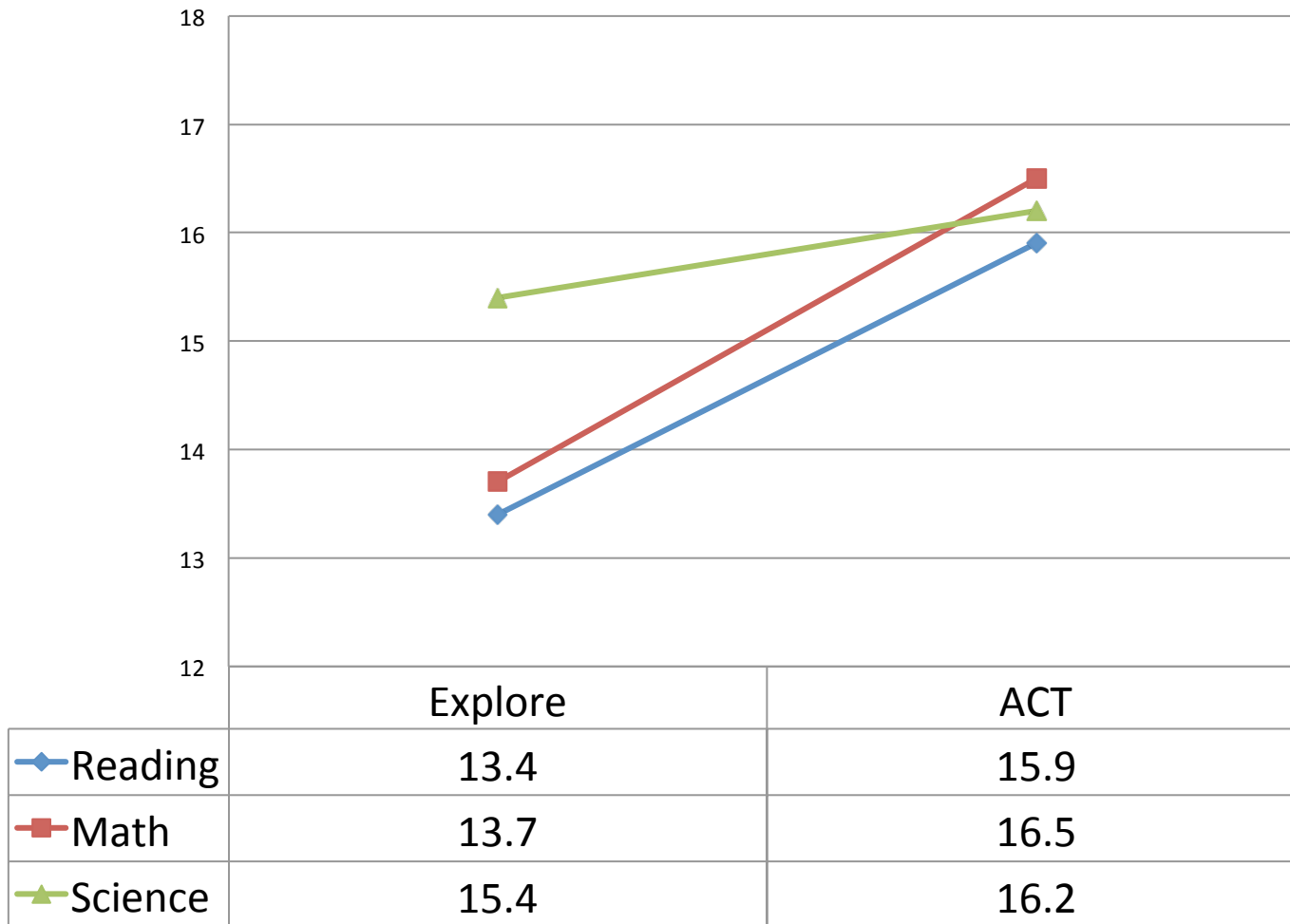
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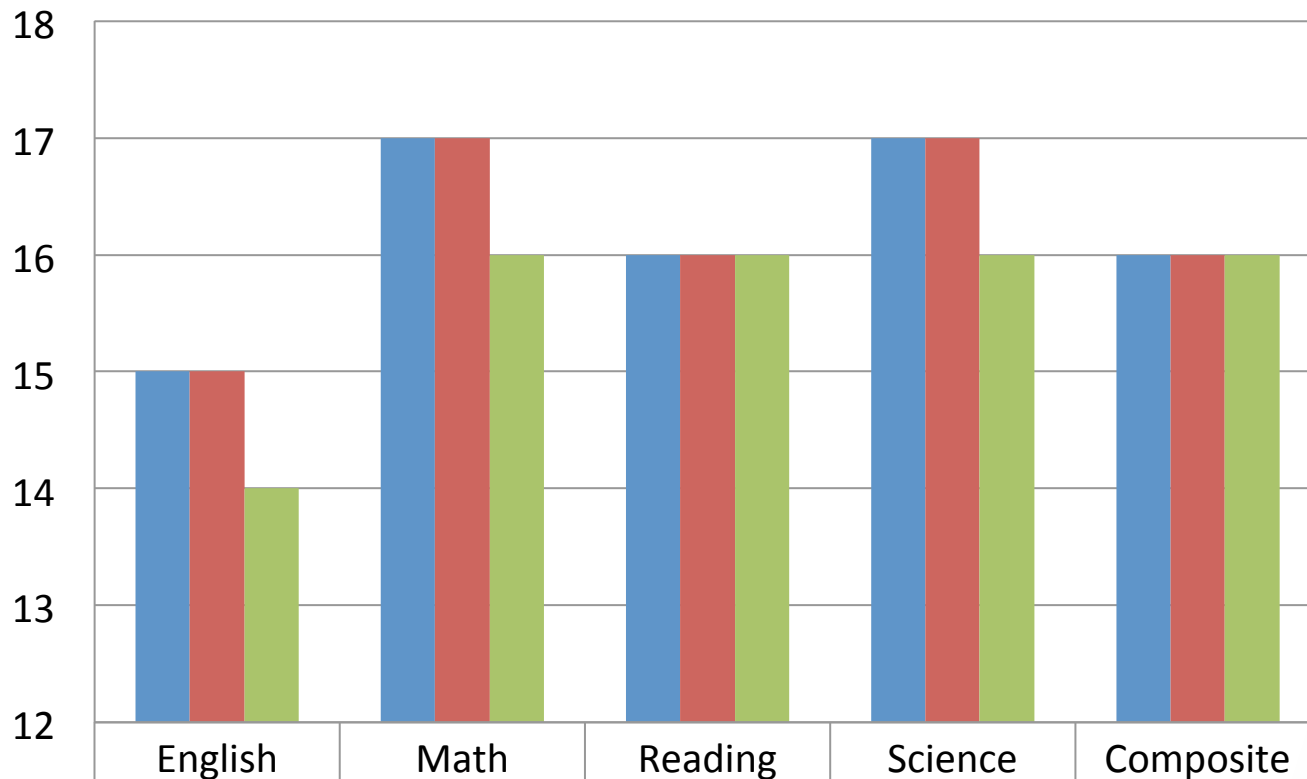
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Plan to Increase Growth

- Individual Success Plans (Counselor Generated)
- EPAS Student Expectation Meetings
- 1st Period PSAE Prep Classes
- ACT Activities Embedded into the Curriculum
- Return of Interim Assessments
- Monthly ACT Practice Testing
- WorkKeys Wednesdays
- PSAE Thursdays
- PSAE Committee

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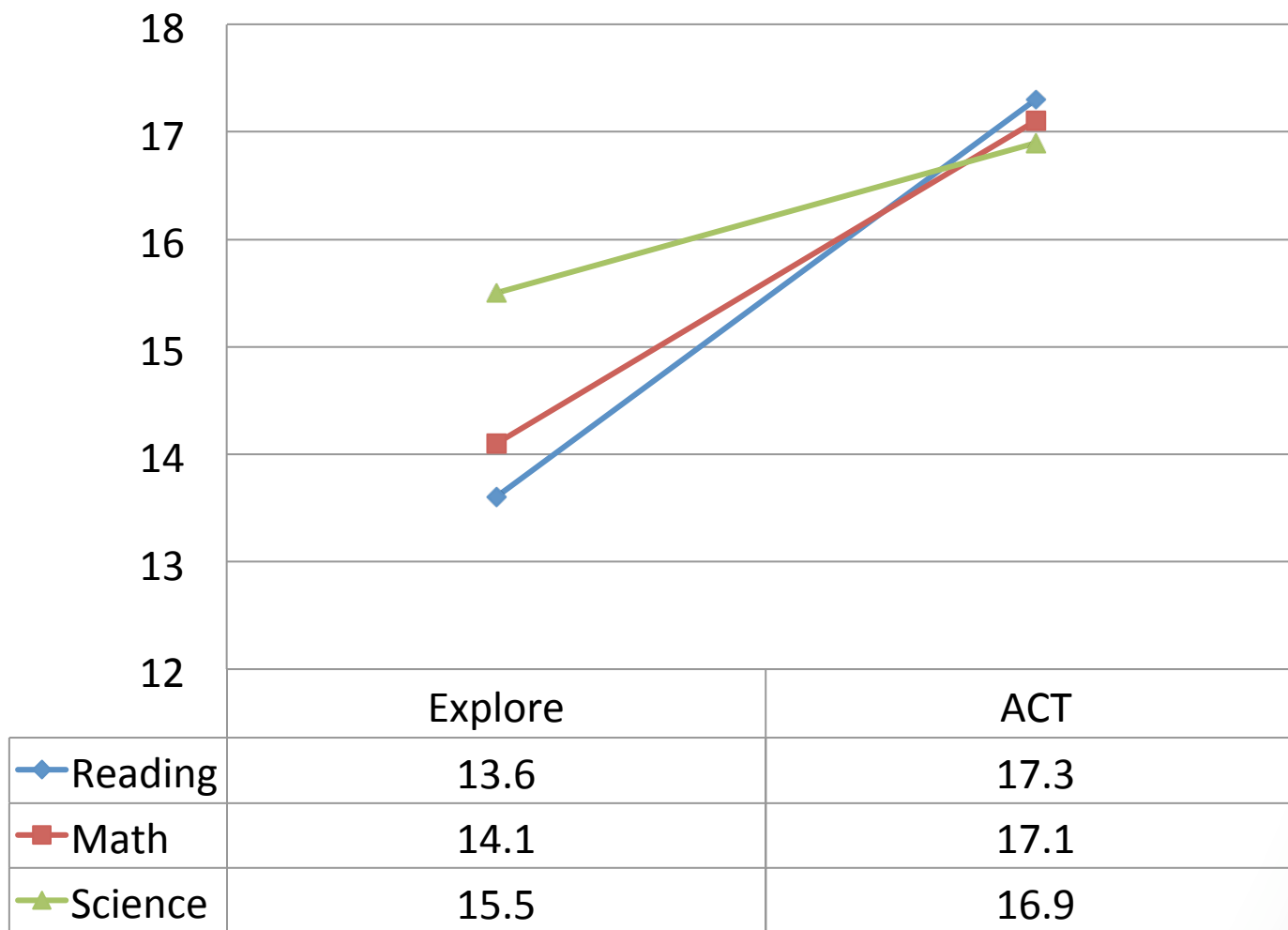
Spring 2013 PSAE Results

Subject Area	Day 1 - ACT	Day 2 - Workkeys/ ISBE	Warning	Below	Meets & Exceeds
Reading	17	5	10%	58%	32%
Math	17	4	16%	61%	23%
Science	17	64	16%	68%	16%

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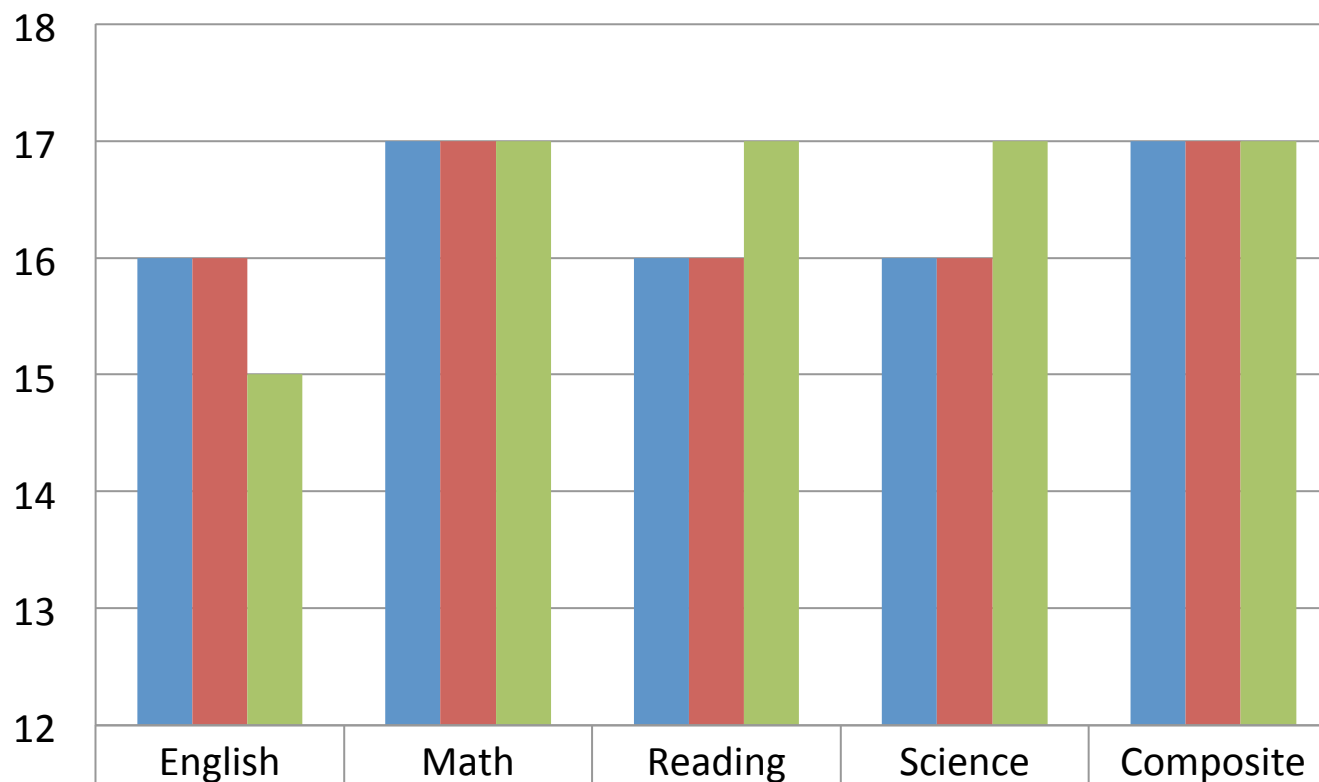
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Plan to Increase Growth

- **Junior Meetings**
- **Sustained Silent Reading**
- **Principal Meeting with Juniors**
- **Principal Meeting with Teachers**
- **PSAE Classes**
- **Work Keys Practice**
- **Key Train**
- **Interim Assessments**
- **Data Meetings**
- **Practice ACT/Workkeys Data**
- **Professional Development**
- **Partner Support**
- **PSAE Mentors**
- **PSAE Incentives**

Executive Session



- ❧ Closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to consider student disciplinary matters; the appointment of employment, compensation, discipline or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and litigation.

Reconvene Open Session



Action Items on Executive Session Discussions

- ✧ Motion to approve the termination of Administrator 10-1 as discussed in closed session.

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- ✧ Motion to approve the Board level grievance responses for Grievance #052713 and Grievance #052813

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- ✧ Possible personnel action related to District 205 parent coordinator(s).

Adjournment

