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**Hiding in Plain Sight (Part 2)**

Why the marketing ploy?

RHS "ACT Statewide" Test Results: On April 13, 2021, some parents received a congratulatory email from RHS:

"Dear Parents and Guardians,  
We received some great news about the high school yesterday. Despite a year impacted by Covid, our 11th grade students earned one of RHS's highest composite ACT scores since the state started testing all students. Congratulations to our students, staff, and RHS administration. Great work!"

Um, so what's the score? Bueller, Bueller, Bueller...

At the time, the Student Services Office - the office that coordinates the ACT Statewide testing for 11th grade students - didn't know. That was a question for the Principal.

According to the Administration, "the school district isn't allowed to release those exact scores just yet. We can speak in generalities [referring to the 4/13 email], but cannot release the numerical data until the Department of Public Instruction releases the embargo and allows us to do so. Usually we are allowed to share that specific data in the fall."

However, the ACT number can be found on the 22nd page of the June 14, 2021

Instruction and Accountability Committee meeting agenda (see Plan-on-a-Page) (1).

It was also reported to the full School Board the following week by Ms. Conlin.

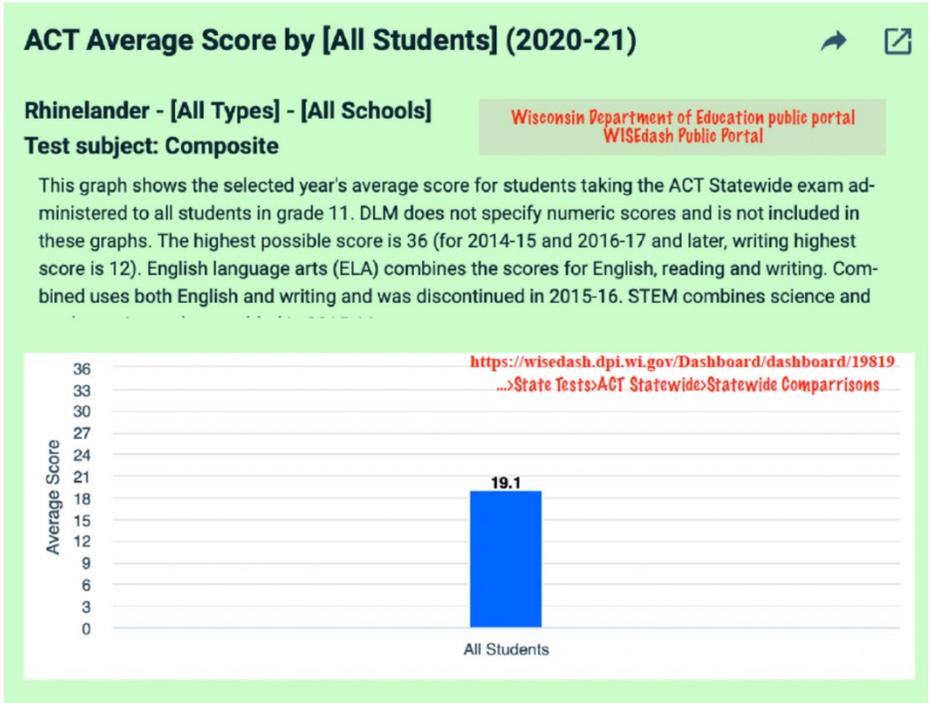
So, it seems clear that the score can be made public in open meeting documents and reported at school board meetings but only alluded to in email to parents. So "releas[ing] those exact scores" means telling the parents, the Stakeholders who have the most as stake. Again, Administration needs to stop the game of claiming that it informs when it actually makes every single parent go on a hunt for the information that it easily can and should provide.

The score is now posted by DPI on [WISEdash Public Portal](#) (2) - which can also be accessed through the school's

website at [HOME](#) (3) >Menu> District>District Information>School Report Cards>WI Information System for Education.

So after great fanfare, WHAT IS THE COMPOSITE SCORE? [19.1 out of a possible 36](#) (2) Certainly not something to write home about. Which is, perhaps, why it was not announced initially - and still hasn't been.

- [https://www.rhinelander.k12.wi.us/cms\\_files/resource/s/06%2014%2021%20Instruction%20and%20Accountability%20Agenda.pdf](https://www.rhinelander.k12.wi.us/cms_files/resource/s/06%2014%2021%20Instruction%20and%20Accountability%20Agenda.pdf) 2nd to last page of document
- <https://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/dashboard/19819>
- <https://www.rhinelander.k12.wi.us>



Strategic Priorities	
Key Measures of Success - Dashboard	Strategy (How?)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Report Card (DPI)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current Achievement:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Target Achievement:</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Current Growth:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Target Growth:</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>★ Local Assessments (ACT)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current: <u>19.3 Composite</u></li> <li>■ Target: 20.0 Composite</li> <li>○ Benchmark Assessment Package</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ ACP Hodag Ready Plan                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Implementation (2021-22)</li> <li>○ Exit interviews with seniors (Spring 2022)</li> </ul> </li> <li>★ Mock ACT and ACT Prep</li> <li>★ Expand AP Course(s)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Art History (2021-22)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Life Readiness**