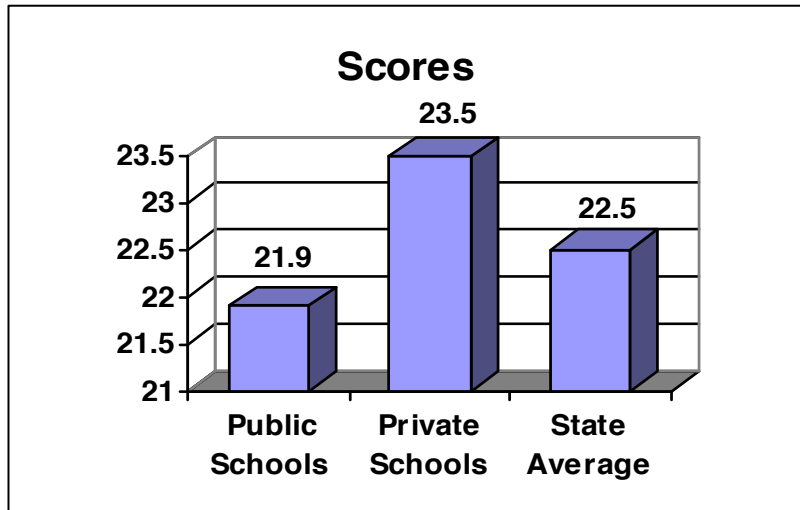


**Average Composite Scores on American College Tests**



**Key Facts**

- The average ACT score for public and private schools in Wood County is consistently in line with the State average.
- Students are allowed to retake the ACT with only the highest score being recorded.
- Throughout Wisconsin, 57% of 2004-2005 high school seniors took the ACT.
- In Wood County, 59.5% of 1,197 public school and 100% of 66 private school seniors took the ACT.

**Why is this Information Important?**

The knowledge gained from kindergarten through twelfth grade will greatly impact the future of our youth. Measurements of a student’s accumulated knowledge assist in predicting future successes that reflect on the quality of life.

**The Enhanced American College Test (ACT)**

The ACT assesses educational development during the K-12 educational experience. This optional test is typically taken by college-bound students in their junior or senior year. The ACT is an entrance requirement for the UW System and many other colleges and universities. Some private and out-of-state colleges may require an alternative test, the SAT. The ACT is not required for admission to a two-year Wisconsin Technical College.

The test consists of four subject areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning. Each portion of the test has a maximum score of 36. The composite score is the weighted average of the four subject specific scores.

Typically, students who take a rigorous college preparatory curriculum will score better on the ACT. Composite score averages are influenced by the percentage of students who opt to take the test.

*Sources: WI DPI; individual Wood County area school districts*