

Press Release



Ponca City Public School Student Scores Perfect ACT Score

Ponca City Senior High School student Alex Lin scored a perfect 36 on his 2017 ACT Exam. What is really amazing about that is that Alex is only a sophomore at Po-Hi. After verifying the score, Principal Thad Dilbeck called Alex's dad to congratulate them on their son's performance.

A score of 36 is the best possible score on the ACT, and any score in the 30s is considered very good. How good is a top score of 34, 35, or 36, and how many students earn those scores every year? Current data from the National ACT Profile Report (www.act.org) shows over 2 million US high school graduates took the ACT test, and a score of 34 and up is the 99th percentile, which means if you score a 34 or higher, you're in the top 1% of test takers in the nation!

The ACT exam contains multiple-choice tests in four areas: English, mathematics, reading and science. The writing test is optional and will not affect the Composite score. The national average ACT Composite score for the 2017 graduating class rose to 21.0 on a 1 to 36 scale, returning to 2014 and 2015 levels after dropping to 20.8 last year. The largest gain in ACT-tested graduates occurred in the state of Oklahoma, which saw a 29 percent increase compared to 2016. The state's average ACT Composite score dropped a full point.

The ACT test is the nation's most popular college entrance exam accepted and valued by all universities and colleges in the United States. The ACT is based on what students learn in high school and provides personalized information about their strengths for education and career planning.

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