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## MASS ACADEMY SAT COLLEGE BOARD SCORES RANK FIRST IN THE STATE

The Massachusetts Academy of Math and Science, a public, state-wide magnet school located in Worcester, MA, which enrolls about 100 academically accelerated 11th and 12th graders, led all public schools in Massachusetts in average SAT scores for the graduating class of 2011.

According to results recently released by the College Board, Mass Academy students had an average score of 663 in Critical Reading, 725 in Math and 676 in Writing. These scores were well above the state-wide public school averages, which were 505 in Critical Reading, 521 in Math and 500 in Writing.

Mass Academy students also bucked both state-wide and national declines in SAT scores by outperforming the previous graduating class by being 19 points higher in Math and 8 points higher in Writing.

Academy Director Michael Barney states, "We are proud not only of our scores this year, but of our five year trends, which are up 19 points in Critical Reading, 34 points in Math and 24 points in Writing. These are indicators of great instruction by our faculty and hard work by our students. Credit also goes to the schools and the teachers of the school districts that our students previously attended."

The Mass Academy of Math and Science is a collaborative effort among the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and the high schools of Massachusetts.

The students in the current senior class represent 25 communities including Barre, Clinton, Douglas, Fitchburg, Franklin, Gilbertville, Holden, Hopkinton, Hubbardston, Jefferson, Northborough, Oakham, Oxford, Peabody, Princeton, Shrewsbury, Upton, Uxbridge, Walpole, Webster, West Boylston, Westborough, Weston, Winchendon and Worcester. Overall, the Academy currently serves 40 communities from around Massachusetts, and historically has hosted students from over 70 communities throughout the Commonwealth.

For additional information on the state's performance on the 2011 SAT exams, visit the College Board's website at <http://www.collegeboard.org>

For more information about the Mass Academy of Math and Science, visit the Mass Academy website at <http://www.massacademy.org>