



Webster County School District

The ACT



What is the ACT?

The ACT, or American College Test, is a college entrance exam that measures a high school student's readiness for college. It's one of the most widely used standardized tests for college admissions in the United States.

The ACT is an assessment designed to measure how well you understand what you've learned in high school. It covers coursework in English, mathematics, reading, and science—with an optional writing test.

How is the ACT used?

- Colleges use ACT scores to compare applicants
- ACT scores are considered along with other factors like GPA, classes taken, and letters of recommendation
- Higher ACT scores can lead to more college options and financial aid



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The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) requires all high school juniors to take the ACT as part of state testing.

KDE's primary use of the college admissions exam is to measure students' level of readiness for college in core academic content areas. Meeting benchmarks on the ACT is one-way students may demonstrate academic readiness in the Postsecondary Readiness indicator of the state's accountability system for schools.

College Readiness:

The primary purpose of the ACT in Kentucky is to assess students' preparedness for college-level work in core subjects like English, math, reading, and science.

Accountability System:

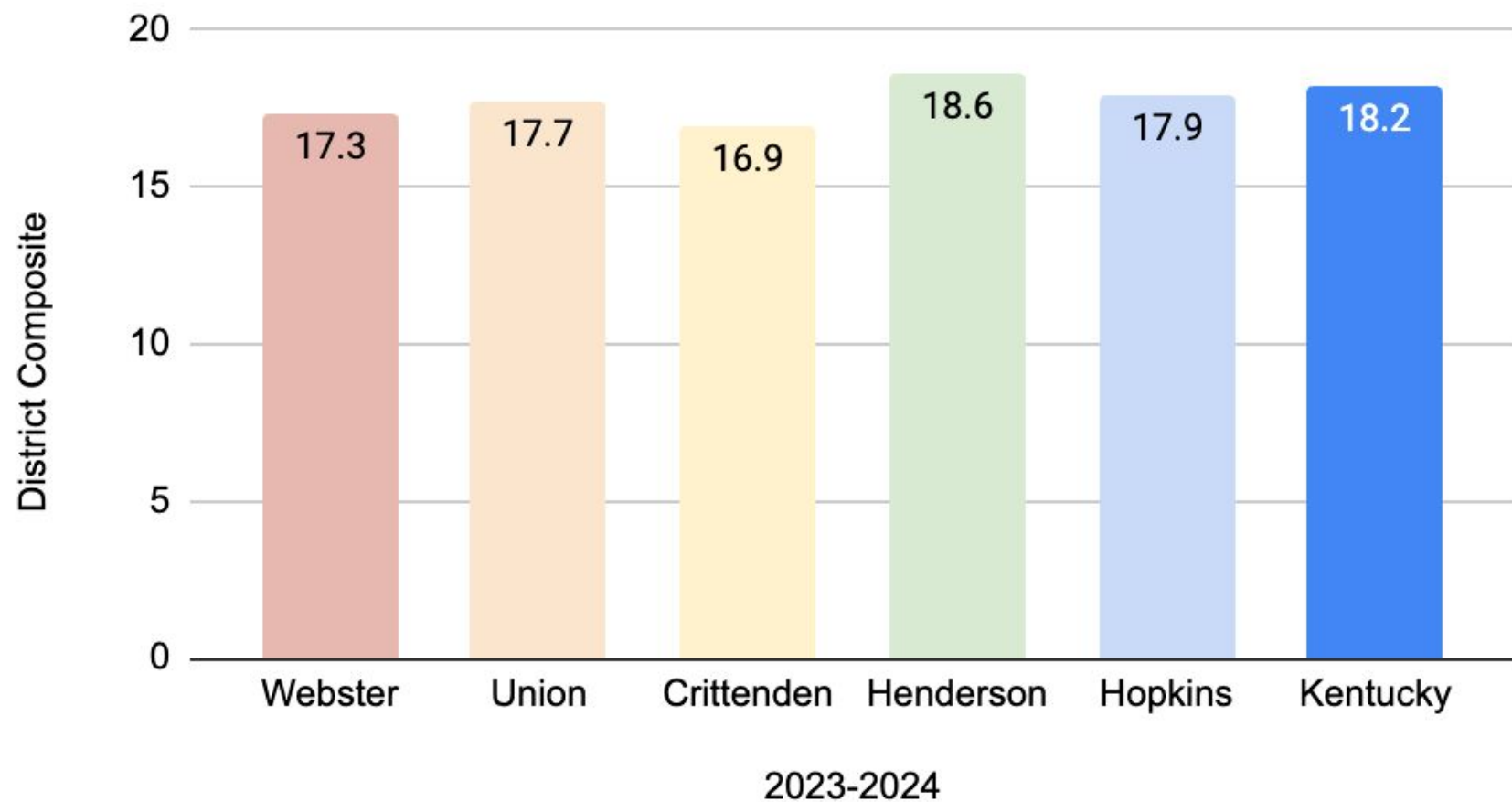
Meeting specific benchmarks on the ACT is one way for students to demonstrate academic readiness, which is a key component of the state's high school accountability system.

Benchmark Scores:

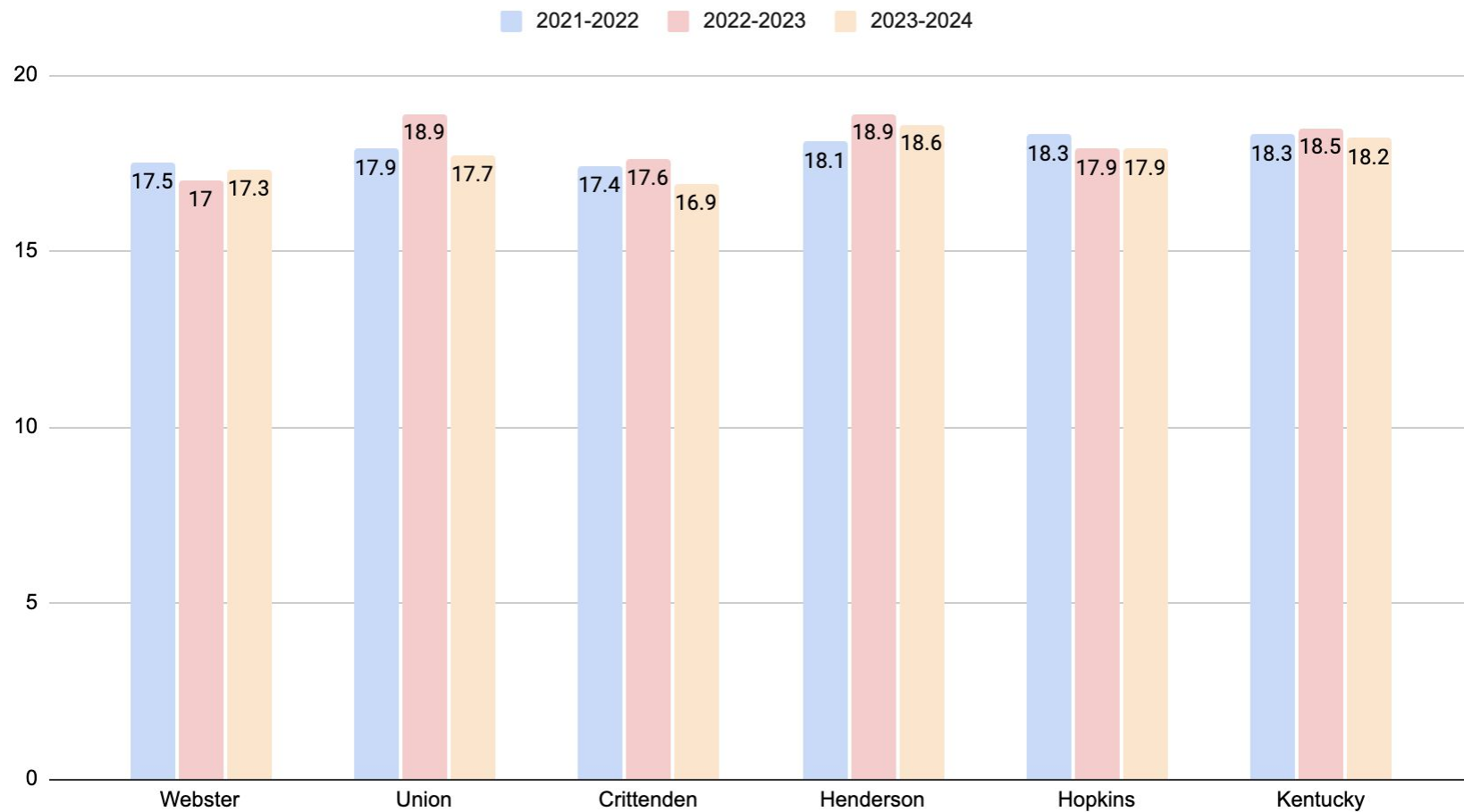
The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education defines benchmarks scores as a score of 18 in English, 19 in math, and 20 in reading.



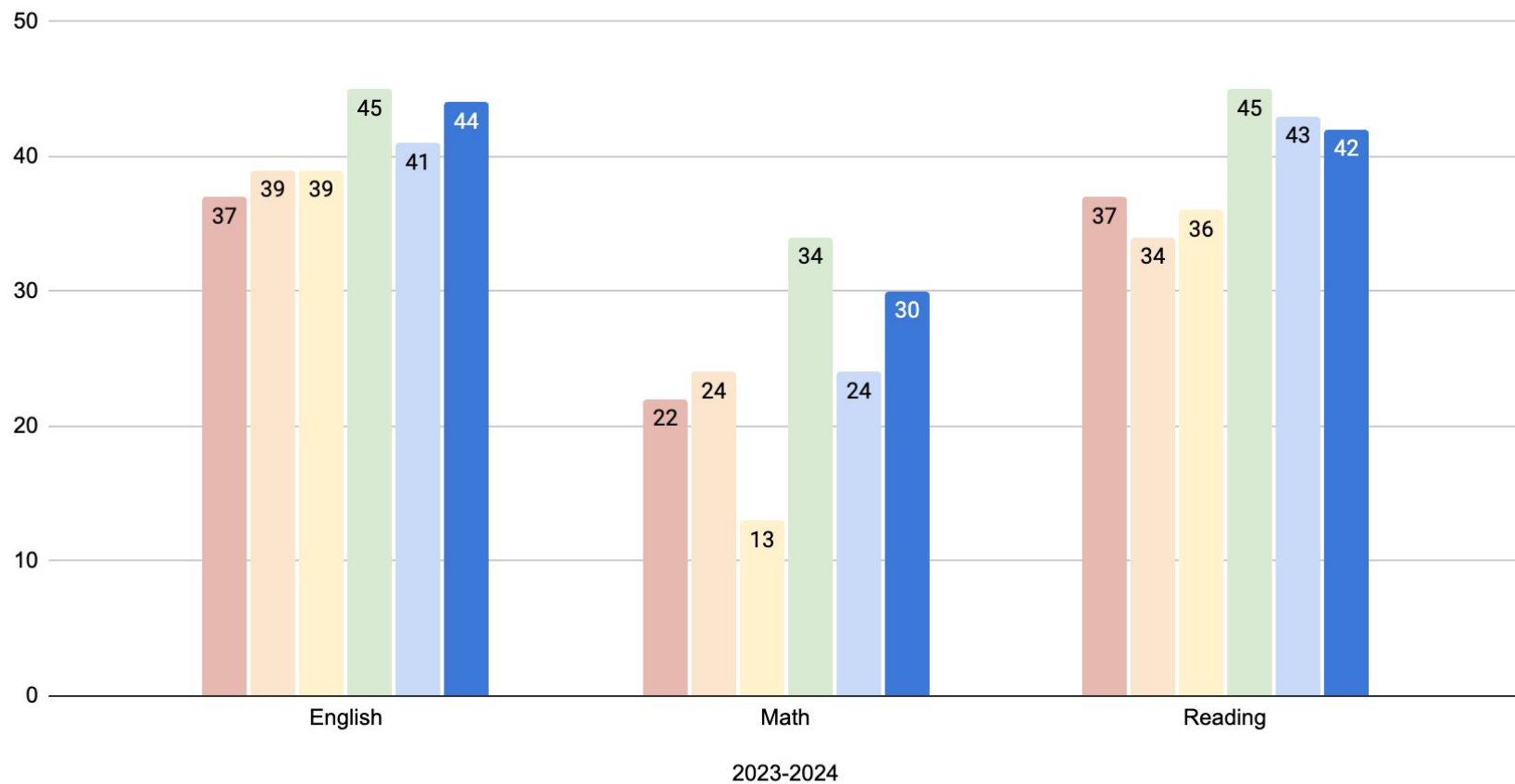
Average ACT Composite Score



ACT Trend Data



Percent Achieving ACT Benchmark



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