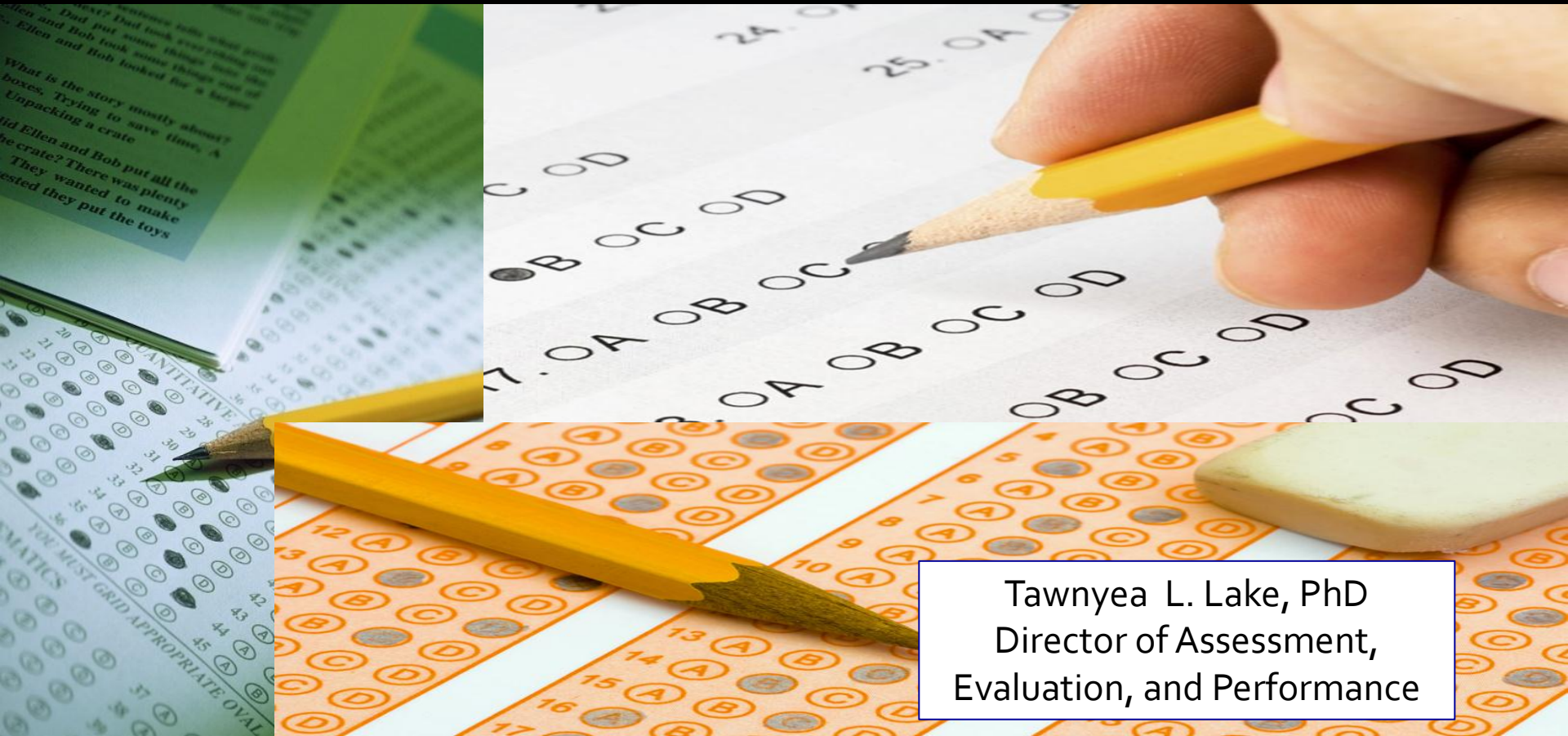


# ACT Updates Duluth Public Schools 2014-2015



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# Presentation Outline

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- General Information
- ACT Explore and ACT Plan Testing Results
- ACT Plus Writing Implementation Plan

# General Information

As a result of WBWF legislation, there is a greater emphasis on college and career readiness

- ACT suite of assessments will be administered to all students\*, beginning 2014-2015 (graduation requirement)
  - ACT-Explore: Grade 8
  - ACT-Plan: Grade 10
  - ACT Plus Writing: Grade 11

\*All students with the exception of very few students with significant cognitive disabilities. These students take an alternative test (MTAS).

# General Information

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ACT College and Career Readiness System:

- Provides a longitudinal approach to educational and career planning
- Encourages student academic and behavioral planning through early identification of educational and career goals

# ACT Basics

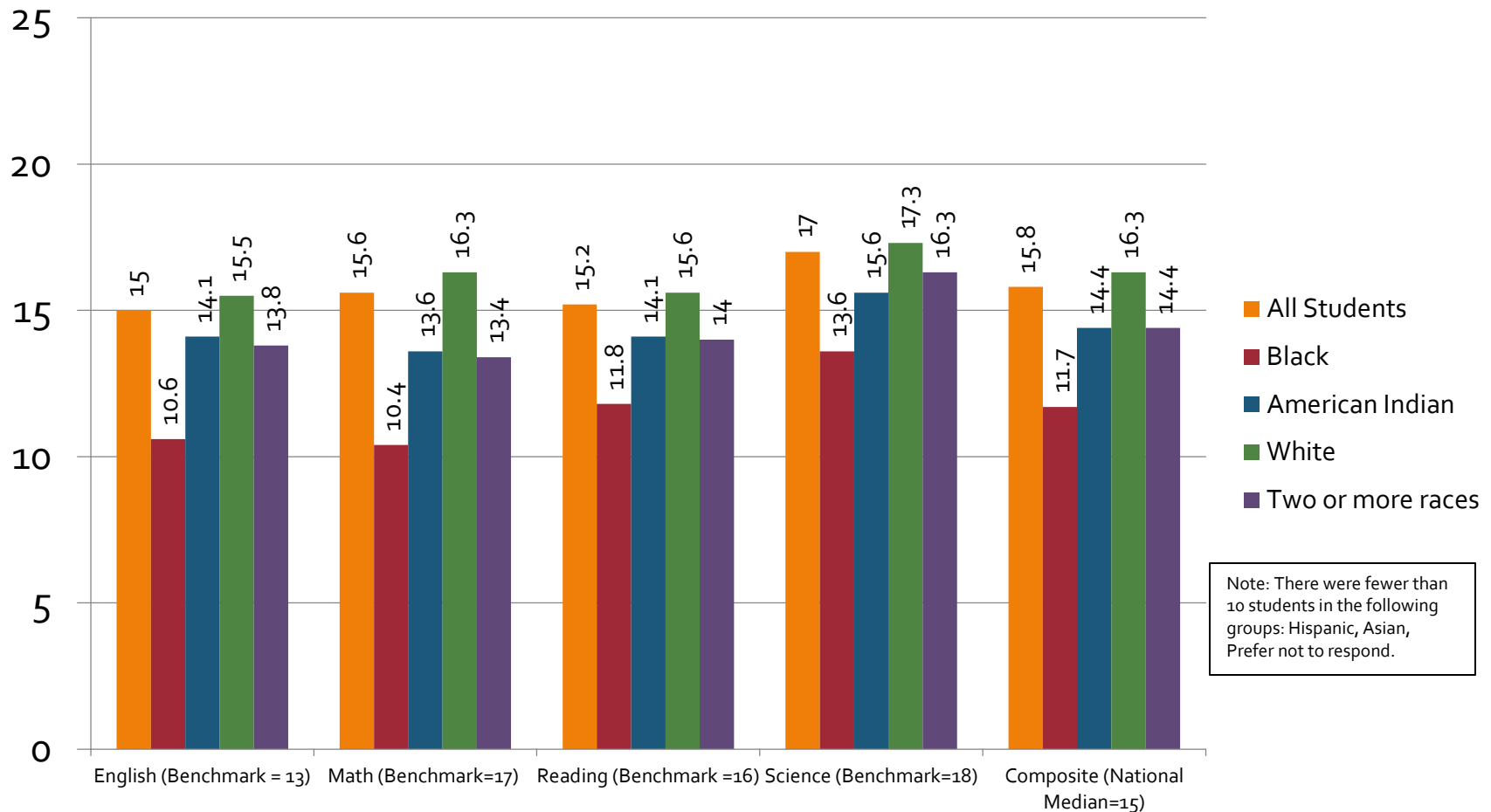
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The ACT tests measure achievement in 4 areas:

- English                      College English
- Math                         College Algebra
- Reading                    College Social Science
- Science                    College Biology

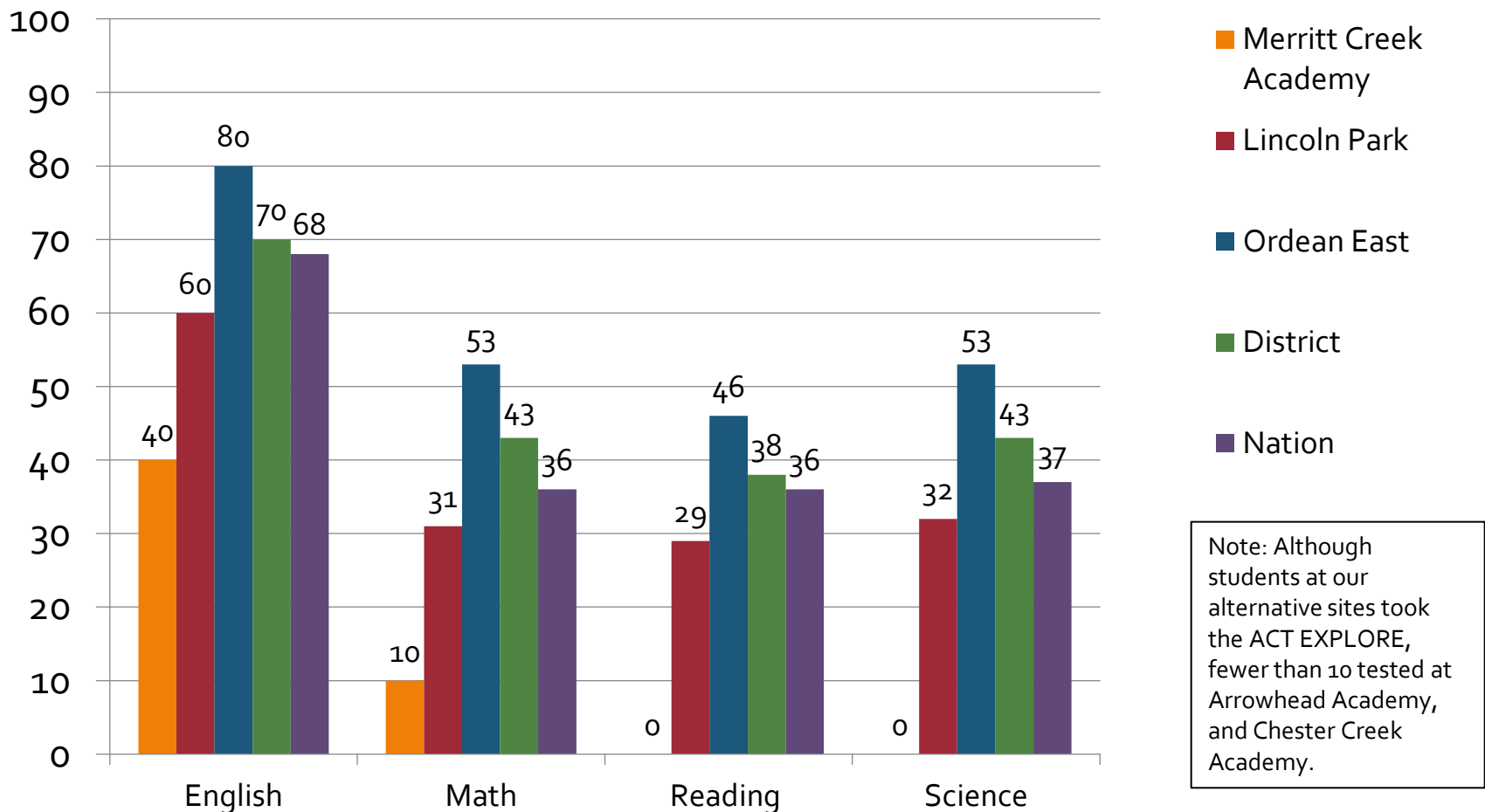
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# ACT Explore Scores (Gr 8)

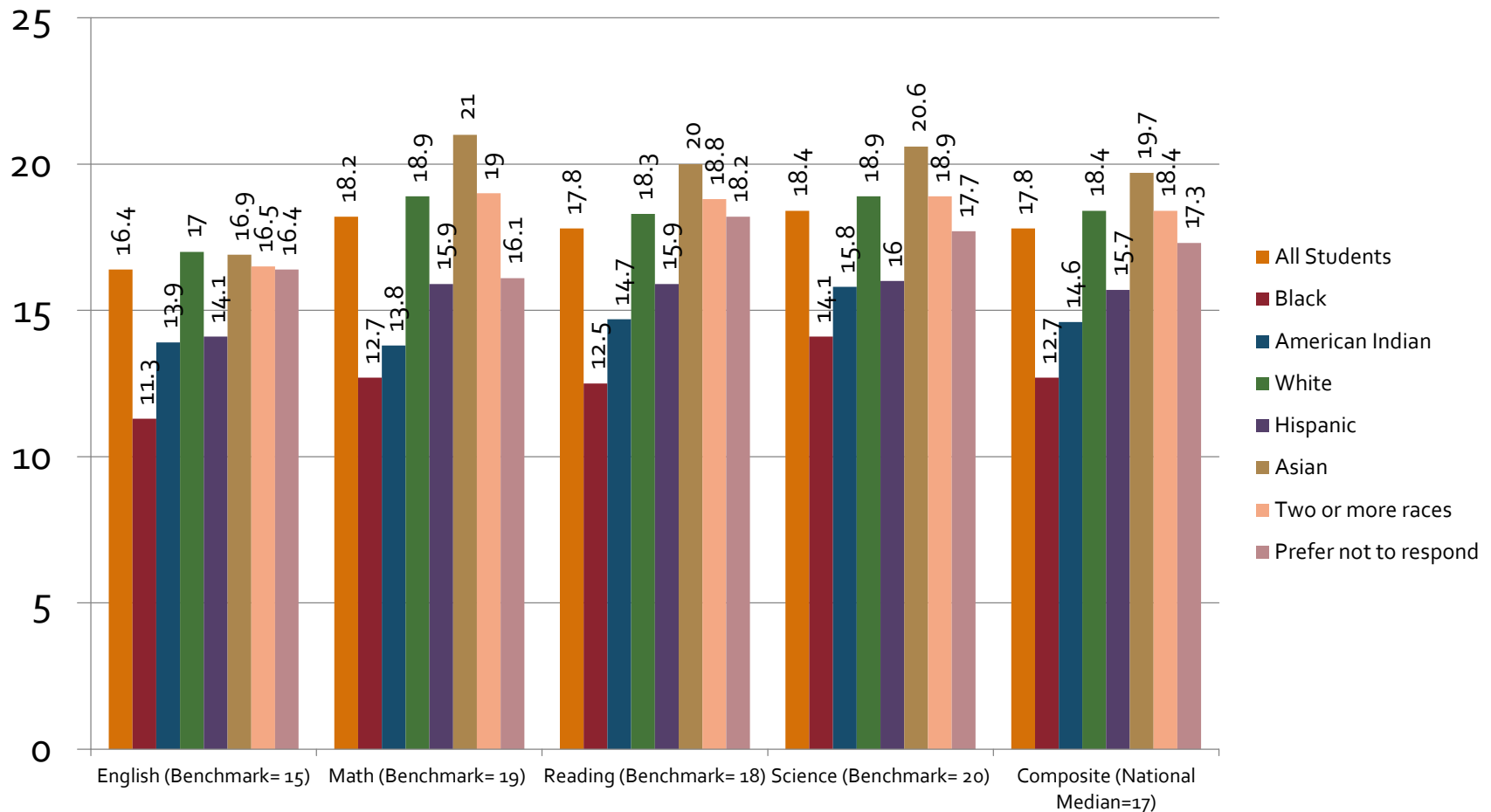


# ACT Explore Results (Gr 8)

## Percent Meeting CR Benchmarks



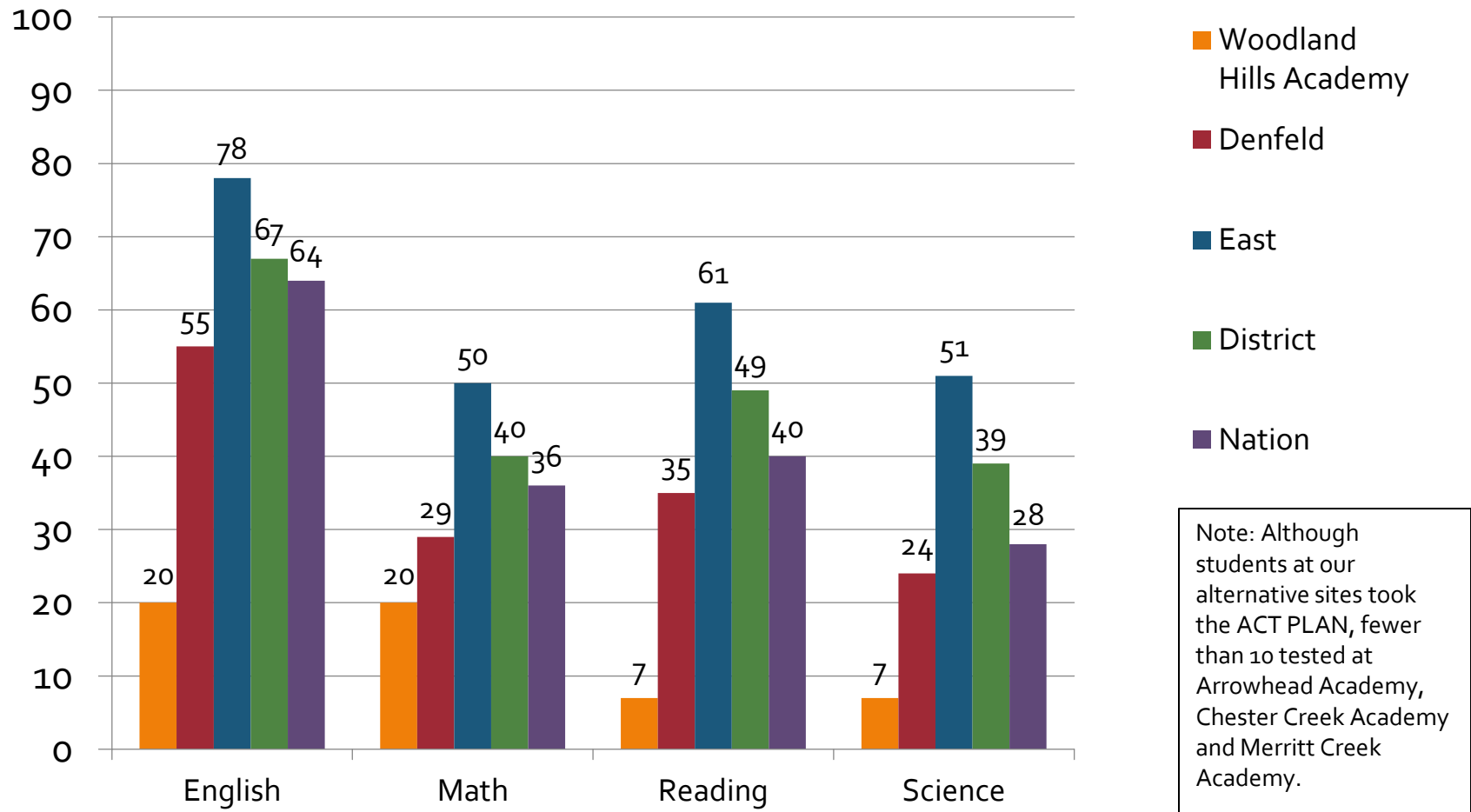
# ACT Plan Scores (Gr 10)





# ACT Plan Results (Gr 10)

## Percent Meeting CR Benchmarks



# ACT Explore and ACT Plan Themes

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- As a district, Duluth students exceed the nation on the percent of students meeting college readiness benchmarks in all subject areas
- There is great variation in scores among the schools across the district
- Disparities exist among between ethnic groups

# ACT Plus Writing Implementation

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- Very strict guidelines; standardized procedures
  - Examples: seating, timing, start/end times, breaks
  - Alternate plans for students in grades 9, 10, and 12

# ACT Plus Writing Implementation

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- District-wide implementation plan
  - Timelines for training, test prep, materials distribution and ordering, etc.
  - Shared with staff, obtained feedback
  - Reviewing monthly as a group
  - Included reps from food service, union leadership, coordinators of special programs, maintenance

# ACT Plus Writing Implementation

- District-wide communication plan
  - Variety of messages shared in waves over the course of the next few months
  - Messages specific to students, parents, staff, community
  - Many communication tools
    - Letters, newsletters, emails, Infinite Campus, Infinite Campus messenger, parent nights, Parent groups, newspaper, class meetings, announcements, WIN time, etc.

# ACT Plus Writing Implementation

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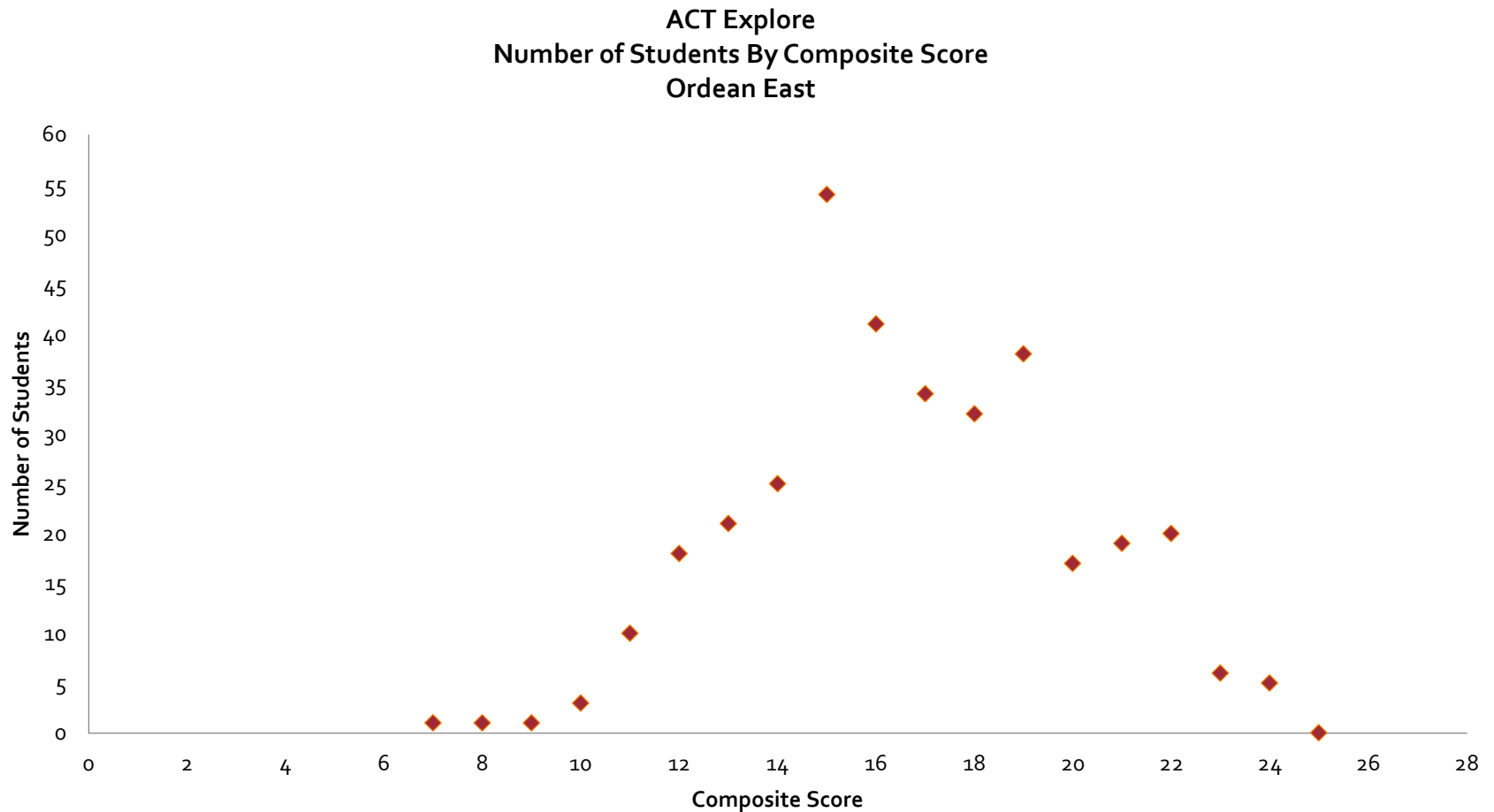
- Test Preparation Resources and Opportunities
  - Two types of materials, free and fee
  - Many opportunities for students
    - Achievement Centers, WIN Time, Media Centers, at home

# Questions?

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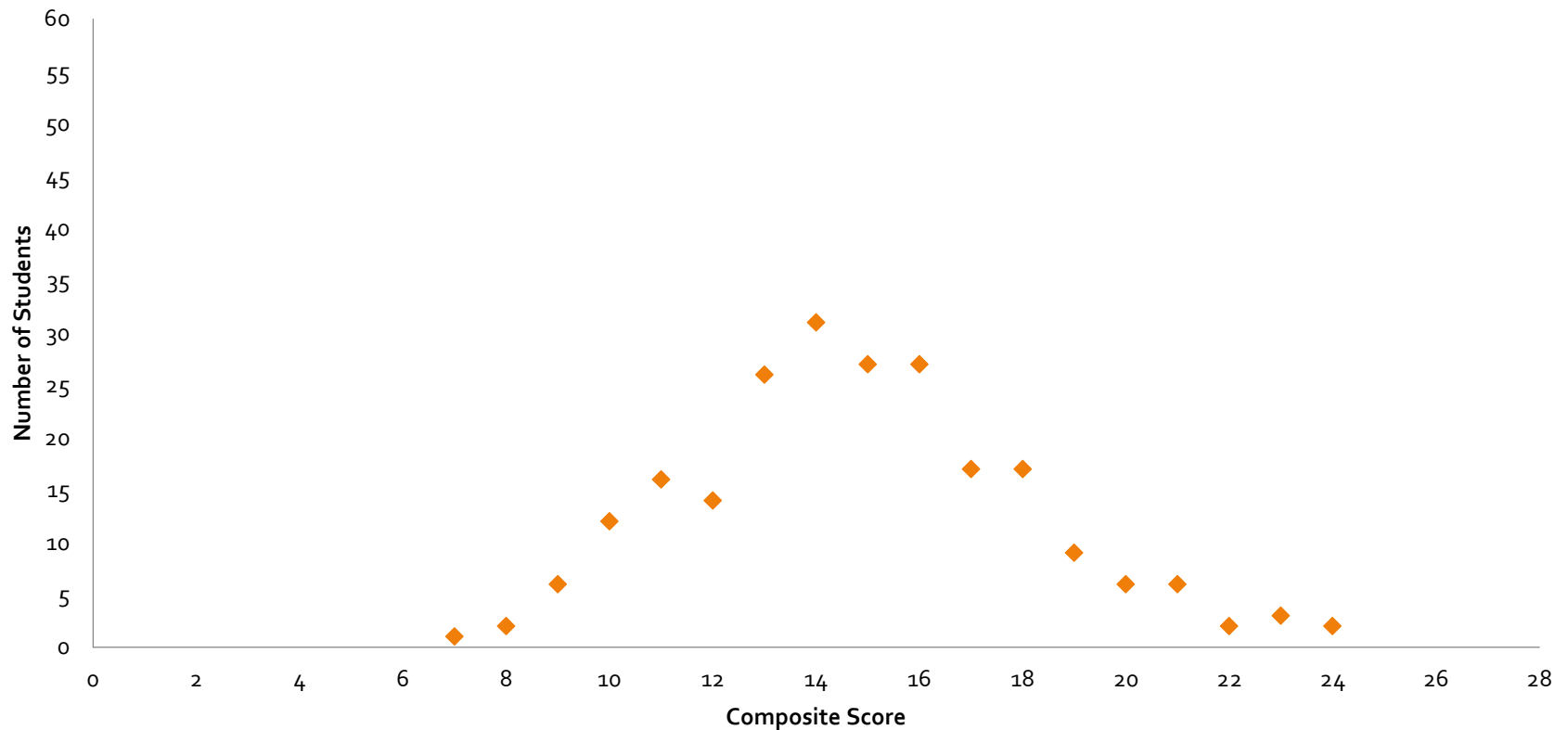
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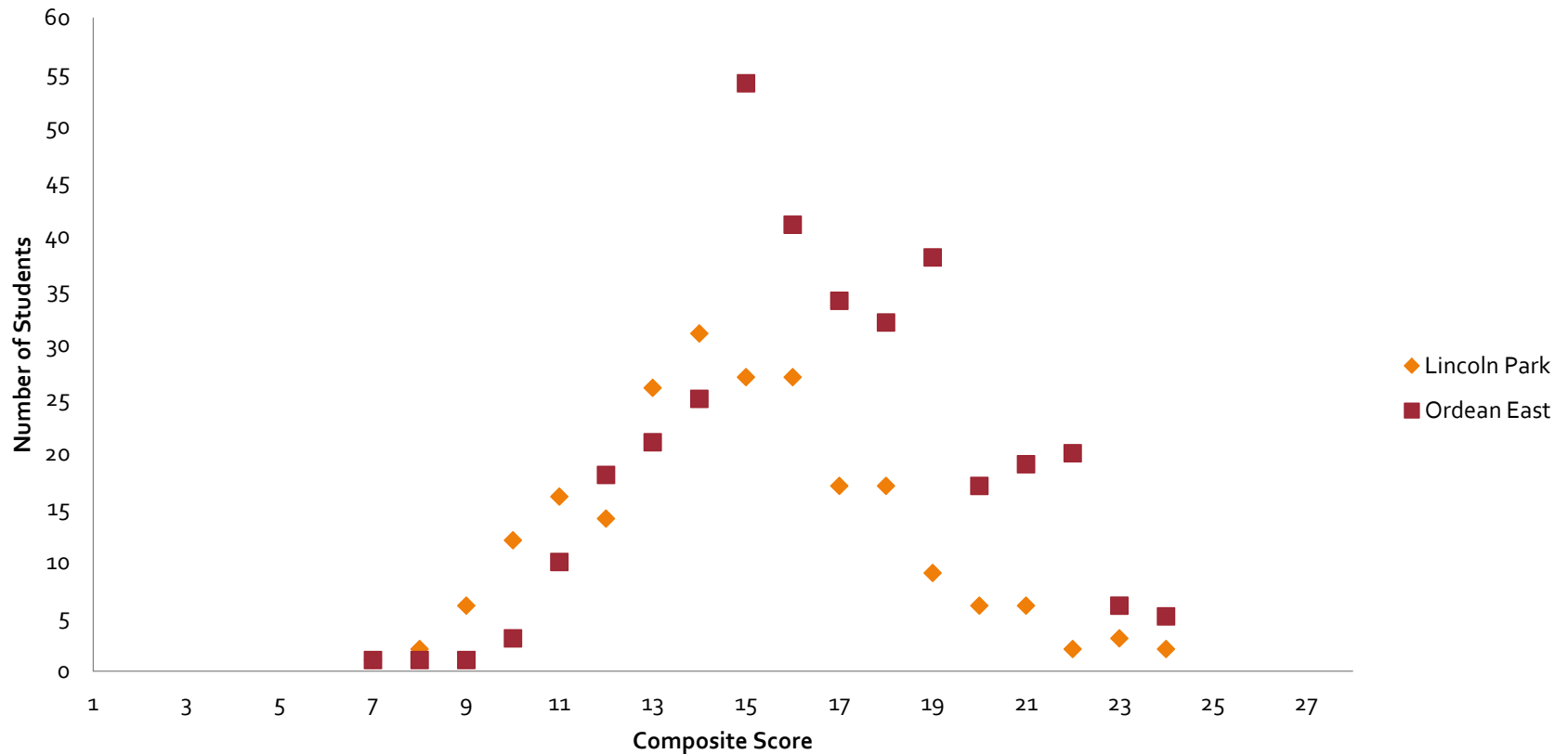
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ACT Explore  
Number of Students By Composite Score  
Lincoln Park



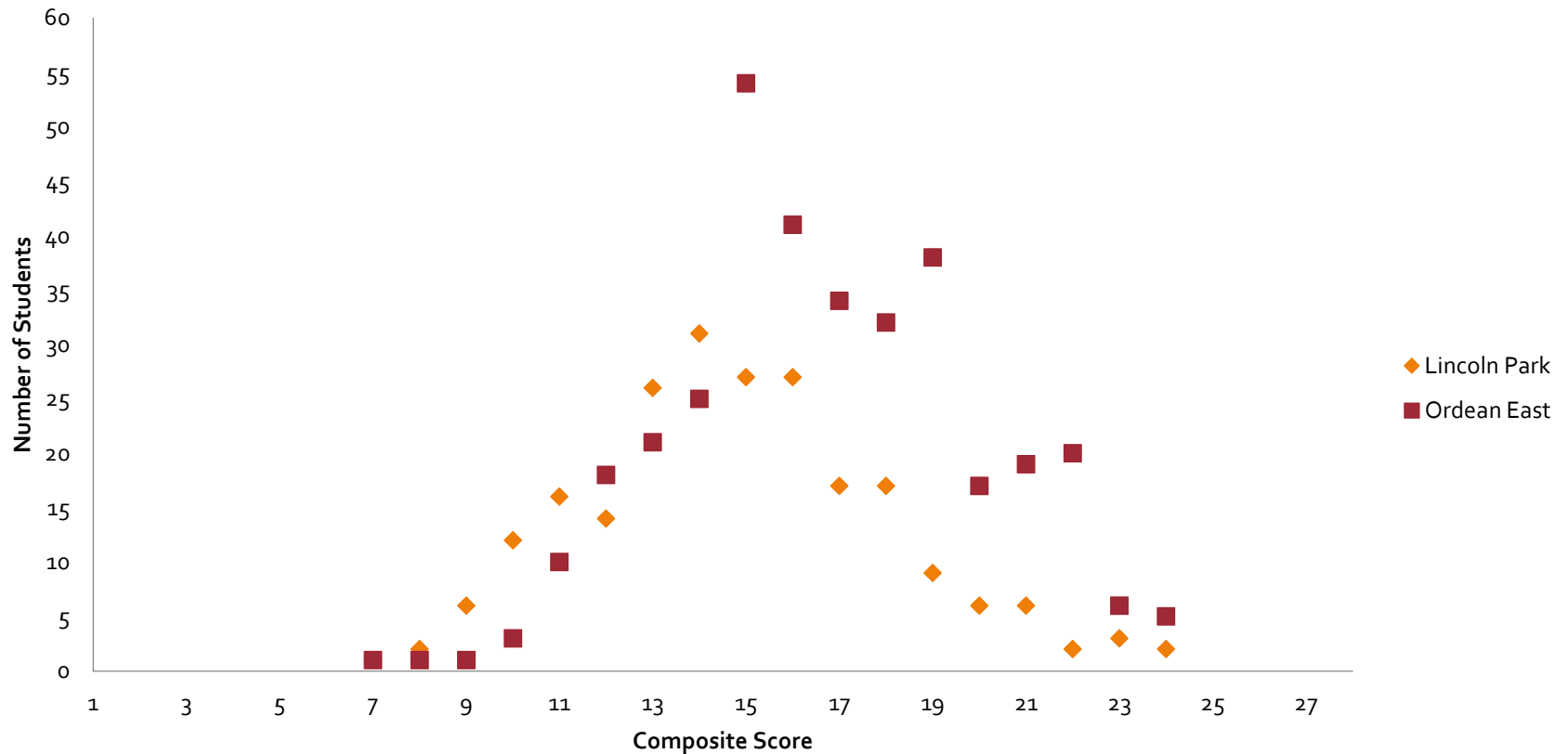
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Number of Students By Composite Score  
Middle School



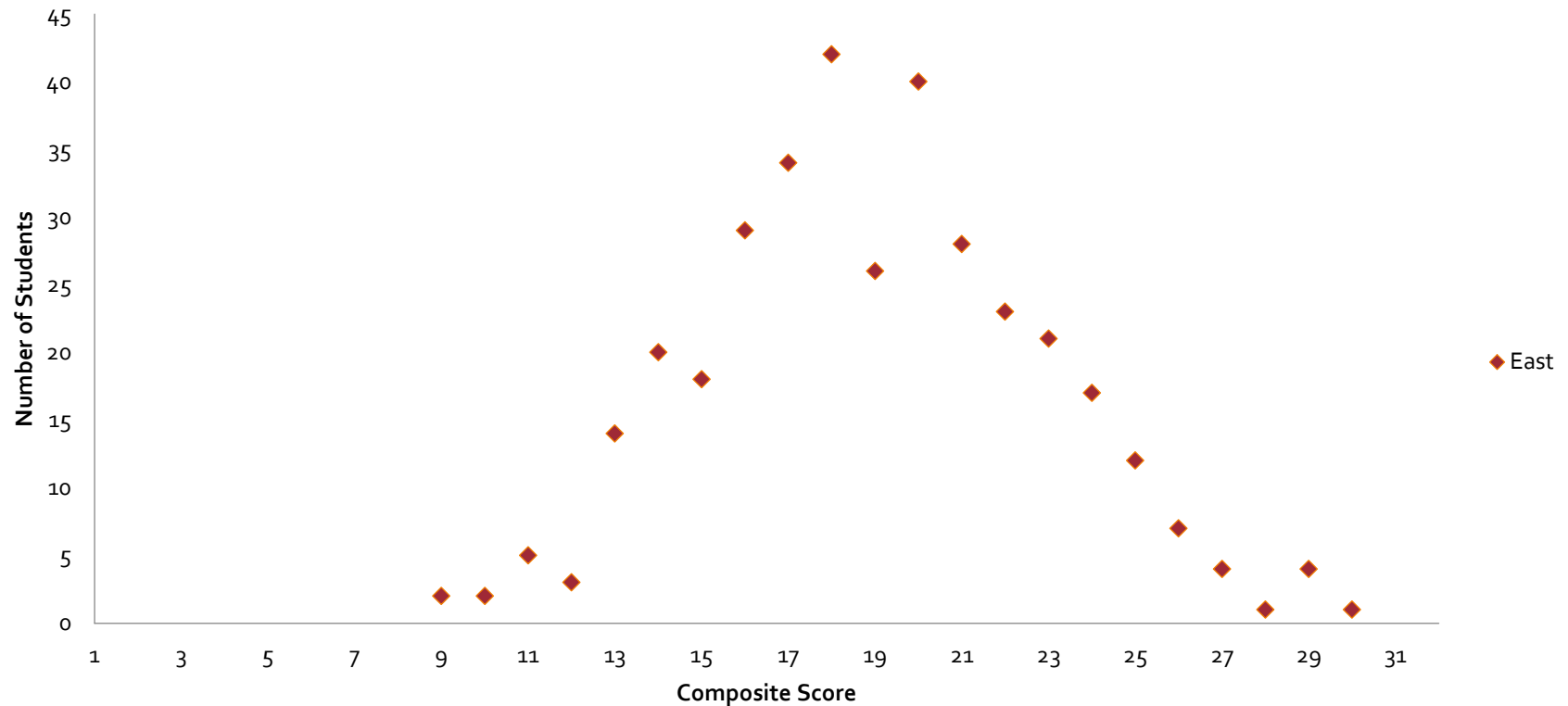
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Number of Students By Composite Score  
Middle School (Overlay)

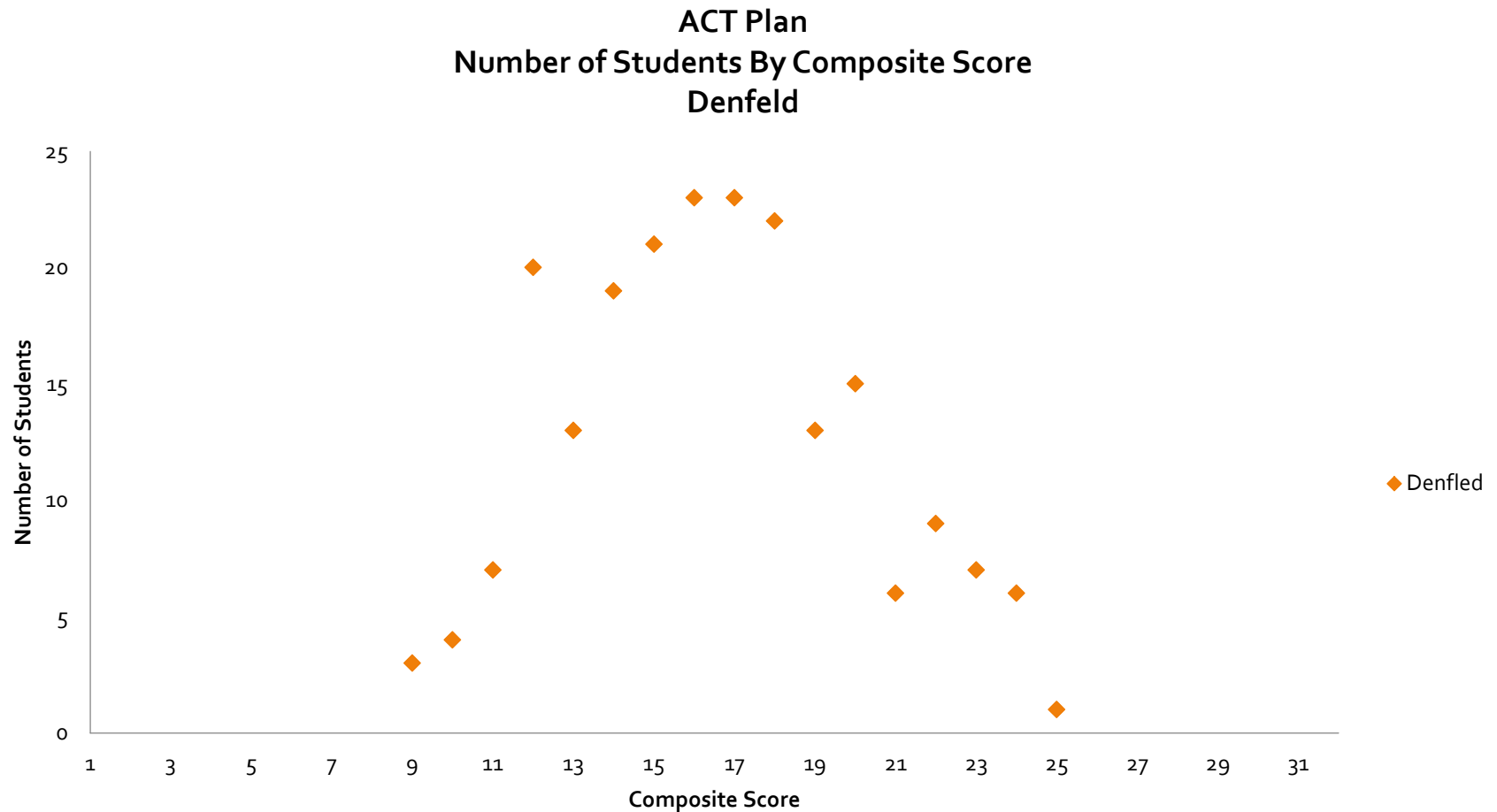


# Appendix E

ACT Plan  
Number of Students By Composite Score  
East



# Appendix F



# Appendix G

ACT Plan  
Number of Students By Composite Score  
High School (Overlay)

