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## **New North Schools Among Best in the Nation**

***Fox Cities High Schools Score Above National Average on ACT; Lawrence University Named to Best Colleges List***

**NEW NORTH, August 21, 2007** – The combined average score of students from the twelve Fox Cities area high schools was above the national average on the ACT, which tests graduating high school students in math, reading, science, and English, with Fox Cities students beating the Wisconsin average as well.

“Over the past several years, New North high school students have exceeded the standards for national ACT scores,” said Lee Allinger, Superintendent for the Appleton Area School District. “These consistently high scores are a testament not only to our great schools and committed staff, but our talented, intelligent kids as well.”

The average score of the Fox Cities schools ranged from 21.5 to 24.3, beating the national average of 21.2. The vast majority of the schools also beat the Wisconsin average of 22.3, which is the second highest in the nation for states where at least 50% of students took the test.

In addition, Appleton-based Lawrence University was named one of the “Best 366 Colleges” in the nation and one of the 161 “Best Midwestern Colleges” for 2008 by the Princeton Review, which published its rankings this week.

“Whether it’s K-12 schools or universities, Northeastern Wisconsin is home to some of the nation’s best,” said Jerry Murphy, Executive Director of the New North, Inc. “And when you combine our education system with beautiful surroundings, friendly people, and a great business environment, it’s clear why the New North is one of the best places in the country to live, work, and raise a family.”

New North, Inc. is a regional collaboration effort focused on promoting regional cooperation and economic development in an 18-county region in Northeast Wisconsin. The 18 counties included in the New North are Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Waupaca, Brown, Shawano, Oconto, Marinette, Door, Kewaunee, Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Florence, Menominee, and Waushara. To find out more information about New North, Inc., please visit our website at [www.thenewnorth.com](http://www.thenewnorth.com).

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