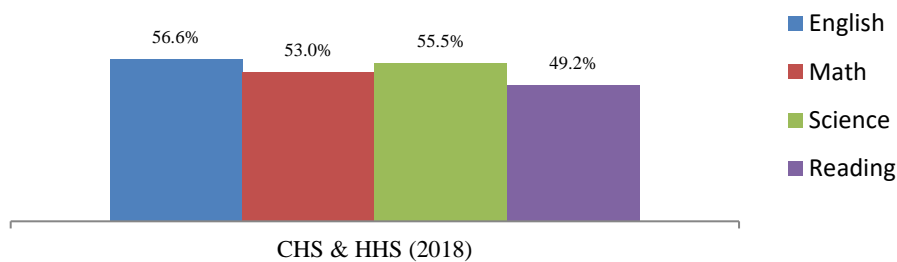


## Prepare yourself to finish...

Capital High and Helena High students who followed ACT's recommendation of Core or More course patterns scored the following average ACT scores in 2018:

Helena School District Course Patterns	Avg. ACT
<p>† <b>English: ACT Recommends 4 or More, English Benchmark – 18</b></p> <p>English 1 Honors, English 2 Honors, English 3 AP, English 4 AP            English 1, English 2, English 3 English 4 AP            English 1, English 2, English 3, English 4</p> <p>Note: These ACT averages are based on highest course completed senior year. Courses taken earlier frequently include other AP or honors classes.</p>	28.0 26.8 17.7
<p>† <b>Mathematics: ACT Recommends 3 or More, Math Benchmark - 22</b></p> <p>Math 1 Honors, Math 2 Honors, Pre-Calc. Honors, Calculus AP, College Calculus            Math 1 Honors, Math 2 Honors, Pre-Calc. Honors, Calculus AP            Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calc.            Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II</p> <p>Note: These ACT averages are based on highest course completed. Courses taken may or may not be exclusively honors or regular math.</p>	29.8 27.0 22.9 18.8
<p>† <b>Natural Science: ACT Recommends 3 or More, Science Benchmark – 23</b></p> <p>Earth Science, Biology 1, Chemistry 1, Physics, Chemistry 2 Honors or Chemistry AP            Earth Science, Biology 1, Chemistry 1, Physics            Earth Science, Biology 1, Chemistry 1            Earth Science, Biology 1</p>	27.9 25.3 22.0 17.6
<p>† <b>Social Science: ACT Recommends 3 or More, Reading Benchmark – 22</b></p> <p>W. Cultrs., Euro. Hist. AP, Psy. AP, Econ. AP (1/more), Amer. Hist. AP, Amer. Gov. AP            W. Cultrs., Amer. Hist. AP, Amer. Gov. AP            W. Cultrs., Amer. Hist. AP, Amer. Gov. AP, Euro. Hist. AP, Psy. AP, Econ AP (1AP)            W. Cultrs., Amer. Hist. Amer. Gov.</p>	28.1 26.8 23.0 19.1

Core or More  
Percent Meeting ACT Benchmark

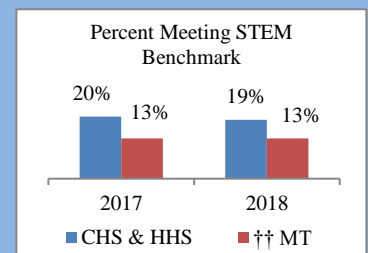


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### Core or More

† Students who meet an ACT College Readiness Benchmark have approximately a 50% chance of earning a B or better and a 75% chance of earning a C or better in the corresponding college course or courses.

ACT research indicates that students who wish to pursue a STEM major in college will be better prepared if their level of achievement is higher than the current science benchmark of 23 and the math benchmark of 22. Based on research, ACT has set the STEM benchmark at 26.



### Curriculum

Helena School District offers a broad and robust curriculum in all curricular areas. All courses encourage students to explore their interests and prepare for their post-secondary goals.

Students are encouraged to take a rigorous core and fill their schedules with courses that will provide a solid foundation in their area(s) of interest. Students who take dual enrollment or Advanced Placement classes are predictably more prepared for the academic challenges of college.

### Credit

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