

Quigley Catholic SAT scores lead county

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BADEN — A Baden parochial school apparently topped all other Beaver County schools in average SAT scores last year.

Quigley Catholic High School recorded an average score of 1,674 on the 2012-13 Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), which surpasses averages at Quaker Valley (1,650), Moon Area (1,578), Blackhawk (1,524), Beaver Area (1,515) and Freedom Area (1,506) in the most recent scores.

Every junior and senior at Quigley Catholic takes the test, and everybody in the 2013 graduating class was accepted into college, according to school officials.

The most recent graduating class was offered more than \$5 million in scholarship money, according to school officials.

“We found our niche,” principal Rita McCormick said.

Sewickley Academy recorded an SAT average of 1,918, the highest score in the area. Private schools are not posted by the state Department of Education.

Quigley’s scores jumped from 489 to 560 in mathematics over the past five years, as well as from 498 to 554 in writing and from 491 to 560 in reading, according to scores reported from the school.

The jump is a product of teachers working late and arriving early, parents make a commitment from freshman year, and students dedicating themselves, McCormick said.

“We have students who are determined to succeed, and parents and teachers who are determined to support them,” McCormick said. “When everybody works together, we can have success.”

SCHOOL NAME	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	VERBAL AVERAGE	MATH AVERAGE	WRITING AVERAGE	TOTAL AVERAGE
PRIVATE SCHOOLS					
BEAVER CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
OLSH	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
QUIGLEY	NA	560	560	554	1674
SEWICKLEY ACADEMY	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS					
ALIQUIPPA HIGH SCHOOL	42	366	384	333	1083
AMBRIDGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL	107	483	501	460	1443
BEAVER AREA ACADEMIC CS	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
BEAVER AREA HIGH SCHOOL	141	506	525	483	1515
BEAVER FALLS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	55	408	442	385	1236
BLACKHAWK HIGH SCHOOL	139	512	521	491	1524
CENTRAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL	128	475	497	458	1430
CORNELL HIGH SCHOOL	22	451	471	436	1358
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL	102	475	484	444	1403
FREEDOM AREA HIGH SCHOOL	78	492	523	491	1506
HOPEWELL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	139	486	516	479	1480
LINCOLN PARK PERFORMING ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL	102	489	468	468	1424
MOON AREA HIGH SCHOOL	233	524	542	512	1578
NEW BRIGHTON AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	65	446	462	405	1313
PENNSYLVANIA CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL	349	511	479	471	1462
QUAKER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL	114	549	562	539	1650
RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL	97	477	509	466	1452
ROCHESTER AREA HIGH SCHOOL	39	432	463	417	1312
WEST ALLEGHENY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	183	490	507	485	1483
WESTERN BEAVER JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	35	467	488	465	1420