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Gwinnett ACT scores continue to outpace state and nation

ACT Scores for Gwinnett students continue to be higher than both state and national scores. Students in the Class of 2020, who took the ACT during the time they were in 10th to 12th grade, showed an increase over the Class of 2019’s ACT scores, with a mean composite score of 23.0, up from 22.4. Georgia’s public-school students had a score of 21.7, up from 21.4 the prior year. Nationally, student scores on the ACT dropped slightly to 20.6 from 20.7. In addition to an overall higher composite score, Gwinnett students showed increased scores in each of the subject areas.

The ACT test assesses high school students’ general educational development and their ability to successfully complete college-level work. The four skill areas that are covered with multiple choice tests are: English, mathematics, reading, and science. An optional writing test measures skill in planning and writing a short essay.

Class of 2020 ACT Scores				
	National	Georgia	GCPS	2019 to 2020 GCPS Increase
English	19.9	21.3	22.4	+0.7
Mathematics	20.2	21.0	22.8	+0.6
Reading	21.2	22.5	23.4	+0.6
Science	20.6	21.6	22.9	+0.5
Composite	20.6	21.7	23.0	+0.6

ACT participation was down in Gwinnett and the nation due to the cancellation of tests in April, June, and July 2020 related to COVID-19. In Gwinnett, 3,996 students participated in the ACT, down from 4,557 students in the Class of 2019.

Schools showing increases in this year’s ACT scores over the 2019 scores include **Archer, Berkmar, Discovery, Duluth, Gwinnett Online Campus, Lanier, Meadowcreek, Mill Creek, Norcross, North Gwinnett, Parkview, and Peachtree Ridge**. Gwinnett school-by-school scores are found on page 2 of this release.

The ACT is a test used by colleges and universities to predict how well students will perform at the post-secondary level. Students are encouraged to take the ACT as well as the SAT college admission exam to provide a broad range of information for college admissions counselors.

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**ACT
Three-Year Score Summary**

	2017-2018		2018-2019		2019-2020	
	N Count	Composite Score	N Count	Composite Score	N Count	Composite Score
Archer High School	250	21.6	212	21.2	174	22.5
Berkmar High School	135	19.6	109	19.4	104	20.5
Brookwood High School	415	24.1	403	23.9	320	23.7
Central Gwinnett High School	111	19.0	104	19.1	77	18.8
Collins Hill High School	291	22.9	224	22.6	201	22.4
Dacula High School	94	22.5	134	21.6	99	21.2
Discovery High School	113	19.5	141	20.0	102	20.6
Duluth High School	197	22.0	182	21.7	179	22.8
Grayson High School	330	21.9	328	21.4	263	20.8
GSMST	94	29.6	107	30.8	146	30.2
Gwinnett Online Campus School	16	25.5	19	23.5	19	24.1
Lanier High School	139	22.1	139	21.4	141	22.3
McClure Health Science High School	*	*	*	*	*	*
Meadowcreek High School	137	18.9	184	18.9	91	20
Mill Creek High School	413	23.6	399	23.3	380	23.9
Mountain View High School	222	22.7	221	23.2	187	23
Norcross High School	286	22.9	259	22.2	228	22.8
North Gwinnett High School	411	25.2	466	25.1	421	25.7
Parkview High School	304	23.8	264	23.1	269	23.6
Paul Duke STEM High School	*	*	*	*	31	23.5
Peachtree Ridge High School	376	23.6	346	22.8	331	24.1
Phoenix High School	1	**	7	**	*	**
Shiloh High School	197	19.0	146	19.4	104	18.8
South Gwinnett High School	190	18.5	163	18.6	111	18.3
Gwinnett County Public Schools	4,722	22.6	4,557	22.4	3,996	23.0
Georgia	56,481	21.4	53,036	21.4	45,913	21.7
National	1,914,817	20.8	1,782,820	20.7	1,670,497	20.6

*New School

**Due to FERPA Guidelines, scores for groups with fewer than 10 are not reported.

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