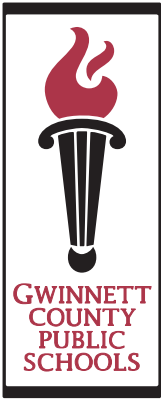


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## **Gwinnett SAT results continue to top state, national averages**

Gwinnett County Public Schools released SAT scores for the Class of 2020 showing that Gwinnett test-takers continue the trend of outperforming their peers in Georgia and the nation. Gwinnett's average on the SAT topped state and national averages on both sections (Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing and Math) of the test. **Gwinnett's average score of 1097 was 67 points higher** than the national average and **54 points higher** than the **state's score of 1043**. The district's average on the SAT did increase slightly; however, there were decreases at the state and national levels.

### **Gwinnett SAT Highlights**

- **Gwinnett's average composite score on the SAT is 1097**, a combination of the average Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing score of 552 and the average Mathematics score of 545. (Possible scores range from 200 to 800 on each section. The highest possible composite score is 1600.)
- **Gwinnett's total SAT average is 67 points above the national average of 1030.**
- **Gwinnett's average is 54 points above the Georgia average of 1043.**
- **In Gwinnett, 8,166 students participated in this past year's test, a decrease from the 8,977 students in the Class of 2019.** The decrease in participation is understandable given the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **The SAT scores for six GCPS high schools— Archer, Berkmar, Discovery, Meadowcreek, Mill Creek, and Norcross— increased.**

### **Equity and Student Group Performance**

Gwinnett's 2020 scores also bring positive news in the area of equity. The GCPS Class of 2020 College and Career Readiness Benchmark scores increased from the Class of 2019. Fifty-four percent of students in the Class of 2020, who took the SAT, met both the math and ERW benchmark, up from

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51%. While 79% met the ERW benchmark, up from 77%. Those meeting the math benchmark increased to 56%, up from 54% for the Class of 2019.

Black students in Gwinnett’s Class of 2020 earned a mean composite score of 1028, up from 1027 for the Class of 2019. Hispanic students in the GCPS Class of 2020 have a mean composite score of 1046, an increase of 11 points from the Class of 2019 mean composite score of 1035.

Black and Hispanic students improved their College and Career Readiness Benchmark scores as well, with 37% of black students meeting both benchmarks in ERW and Math, up from 35% in the Class of 2019. The ERW benchmark remained stable at 69%, while the math benchmark scores increased to 39% up from 37%. For Hispanic students, the percentage of students meeting both benchmarks increased from 38% in 2019 to 42% in 2020. The Hispanic student group increased the percentage meeting the ERW to 72%, up from 68%; while the percentage meeting the math benchmark increased from 40% to 44%.

**Gwinnett County Public Schools  
SAT Graduating Class Cohort Scores**

	2018			2019			2020		
	ERW	Math	Total	ERW	Math	Total	ERW	Math	Total
All Students	553	549	1102	549	545	1094	552	545	1097
Black Students	524	509	1032	521	506	1027	521	507	1028
Hispanic Students	524	518	1042	520	515	1035	528	518	1046

**SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks**

	2018			2019			2020		
	% Met Both	% Met ERW	% Met Math	% Met Both	% Met ERW	% Met Math	% Met Both	% Met ERW	% Met Math
All Students	54	79	57	51	77	54	54	79	56
Black Students	37	71	39	35	69	37	37	69	39
Hispanic Students	42	70	44	38	68	40	42	72	44

Individual school results and system results are found on the next page. Individual school averages can be greatly affected by the unique characteristics of each year’s test takers. Students can improve their SAT scores by doing well in rigorous courses, reading challenging books and articles, and writing concise essays that include compelling details to support a persuasive argument.

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Gwinnett County Public Schools  
SAT Graduating Class Cohort Scores

	2018			2019			2020		
	ERW	Math	Total	ERW	Math	Total	ERW	Math	Total
Archer	546	532	1077	546	531	1077	553	538	1091
Berkmar	510	508	1018	501	501	1002	516	510	1026
Brookwood	576	578	1154	573	576	1149	573	570	1143
Central Gwinnett	512	503	1014	510	495	1006	508	496	1004
Collins Hill	553	553	1107	556	566	1122	551	555	1105
Dacula	553	544	1097	541	538	1079	534	528	1062
Discovery	507	501	1008	505	495	1001	517	503	1020
Duluth	556	561	1118	551	556	1107	550	552	1102
Grayson	549	539	1088	541	529	1071	538	522	1060
GOC	592	564	1156	585	575	1161	583	562	1145
GSMST	669	694	1364	675	701	1375	668	693	1361
Lanier	552	542	1093	548	529	1077	543	530	1073
McClure Health Science	*	*	*	*	*	*	464	467	931
Meadowcreek	498	485	983	486	487	973	496	496	992
Mill Creek	575	572	1148	568	563	1130	569	562	1131
Mountain View	560	559	1118	564	551	1115	554	551	1105
Norcross	542	544	1086	531	524	1055	537	527	1065
North Gwinnett	595	605	1200	595	613	1208	594	601	1195
Parkview	575	574	1150	559	559	1118	561	555	1116
Paul Duke STEM	*	*	*	*	*	*	546	529	1076
Peachtree Ridge	564	562	1126	567	565	1132	569	560	1129
Shiloh	513	496	1009	519	497	1016	511	496	1008
South Gwinnett	508	487	995	510	486	996	500	475	975
GCPS	553	549	1102	549	545	1094	552	545	1097
Georgia: Public School Students	537	517	1054	533	515	1048	532	511	1043
Nation: Public School Students	529	520	1049	524	515	1039	520	510	1030

\* Indicates a new school