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Gwinnett ACT scores continue to outpace state and nation

Gwinnett students continue to outperform their peers in the state and across the nation on the ACT Assessment, based on the scores released today. Gwinnett’s scores dipped slightly from last year’s scores, which came in at a five-year high. 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.

In Gwinnett, last year’s test-takers posted an average composite score of 22.4 out of a possible 36, compared to 21.4 for the state and 20.7 for the nation. In addition, Gwinnett students continue to outperform the state and nation in English, reading, science, and mathematics. This past year 4,557 GCPS students took the test.

2018-19 ACT Results Comparison (Gwinnett, GA, and Nation)

National	Georgia	GCPS
English: 20.1	English: 20.9	English: 21.7
Mathematics: 20.4	Mathematics: 20.7	Mathematics: 22.2
Reading: 21.2	Reading: 22.2	Reading: 22.8
Science: 20.6	Science: 21.2	Science: 22.4
Composite: 20.7	Composite: 21.4	Composite: 22.4

A review of local school results show that six Gwinnett schools increased their average composite scores from 2017-18 to 2018-19. Those high schools are: **Central Gwinnett; Discovery; Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology (GSMST); Mountain View; Shiloh; and South Gwinnett.** In addition, ACT scores at **Meadowcreek High School** remained unchanged even as the number of participants increased. Other schools seeing increases in participation included **Dacula, Discovery, GSMST, Gwinnett Online Campus, North Gwinnett, and Phoenix.**

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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2018-19 Gwinnett County Public Schools ACT Scores

	N Count	Composite Score	N Count	Composite Score	N Count	Composite Score
Archer High School	253	22.0	250	21.6	212	21.2
Berkmar High School	162	19.8	135	19.6	109	19.4
Brookwood High School	419	24.4	415	24.1	403	23.9
Central Gwinnett High School	147	19.7	111	19.0	104	19.1
Collins Hill High School	319	23.2	291	22.9	224	22.6
Dacula High School	161	21.5	94	22.5	134	21.6
Discovery High School	128	19.0	113	19.5	141	20.0
Duluth High School	210	22.0	197	22.0	182	21.7
Grayson High School	343	21.4	330	21.9	328	21.4
GSMST	120	29.4	94	29.6	107	30.8
Gwinnett Online Campus School	12	21.3	16	25.5	19	23.5
Lanier High School	118	22.1	139	22.1	139	21.4
Meadowcreek High School	172	18.0	137	18.9	184	18.9
Mill Creek High School	461	24.2	413	23.6	399	23.3
Mountain View High School	192	23.0	222	22.7	221	23.2
Norcross High School	296	22.2	286	22.9	259	22.2
North Gwinnett High School	407	25.3	411	25.2	466	25.1
Parkview High School	315	22.8	304	23.8	264	23.1
Peachtree Ridge High School	381	23.5	376	23.6	346	22.8
Phoenix High School	2**		1	**	7	**
Shiloh High School	171	19.2	197	19.0	146	19.4
South Gwinnett High School	164	20.0	190	18.5	163	18.6
Gwinnett County Public Schools	4,953	22.6	4,722	22.6	4,557	22.4
Georgia	57,431	21.4	56,481	21.4	53,036	21.4
National	2,030,038	21.0	1,914,817	20.8	1,782,820	20.7

**Due to FERPA guidelines, scores for groups with fewer than ten students are not reported.