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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 matched last year’s scores, remaining 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 22.6 out of a possible 36, compared to 21.4 for the state and 20.8 for the nation. In addition, Gwinnett students continue to outperform the state and nation in English, reading, science, and mathematics. This past year 4,722 GCPS students took the test.

2017-18 ACT Results Comparison (Gwinnett, GA, and Nation)

National	Georgia	GCPS
English: 20.2	English: 20.9	English: 22.0
Mathematics: 20.5	Mathematics: 20.7	Mathematics: 22.4
Reading: 21.3	Reading: 22.1	Reading: 22.9
Science: 20.7	Science: 21.2	Science: 22.4
Composite: 20.8	Composite: 21.4	Composite: 22.6

A review of local school results show that nine Gwinnett schools increased their average composite scores from 2016-17 to 2017-18. Those high schools are: **Dacula; Discovery; Grayson; Gwinnett Online Campus; Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology; Meadowcreek; Norcross; Parkview; and Peachtree Ridge**. In addition, ACT scores at two other Gwinnett high schools—**Duluth** and **Lanier**—remained unchanged.

Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Support Dr. Jonathan Patterson says, “The ACT is based on what students learn in high school and provides personalized information about their strengths for education and career planning. The learning that takes place every day in the classroom and our pursuit of excellence in academic knowledge, skills, and behavior for each student helps us to better prepare our students for college and careers. Our

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students continue to outperform their peers from around the state and nation on college entrance exams like the ACT, providing them with an advantage when it comes to the college admissions process.”

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.

ACT COMPARISON

	2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-2017		2017-18	
	N Counts	Composite Score	N Counts	Composite Score	N Counts	Composite Score	N Counts	Composite Score
Archer High School	248	21.5	256	21.6	253	22.0	250	21.6
Berkmar High School	267	18.9	207	19.5	162	19.8	135	19.6
Brookwood High School	385	22.7	434	23.6	419	24.0	415	24.1
Central Gwinnett High School	237	19.2	192	19	147	19.7	111	19.0
Collins Hill High School	295	22.3	366	22.4	319	23.2	291	22.9
Dacula High School	170	20.8	162	21.5	161	21.5	94	22.5
Discovery High School	*	*	58	18.2	128	19.0	113	19.5
Duluth High School	217	22.2	208	22.8	210	22.0	197	22.0
Grayson High School	287	21.6	325	21.7	343	21.4	330	21.9
GSMST	117	28.0	126	28.7	120	29.4	94	29.6
Gwinnett Online Campus	10	22.7	8	**	12	21.3	16	25.5
Lanier High School	123	21.3	151	20.7	118	22.1	139	22.1
Meadowcreek High School	160	18.7	202	18.7	172	18.0	137	18.9
Mill Creek High School	432	24.0	482	23.5	461	24.2	413	23.6
Mountain View High School	204	22.7	232	23.0	192	23.0	222	22.7
Norcross High School	296	22.1	312	23.1	296	22.2	286	22.9
North Gwinnett High School	342	25.3	399	25.3	407	25.3	411	25.2
Parkview High School	326	23.4	341	23.1	315	22.8	304	23.8
Peachtree Ridge High School	431	22.6	434	23.1	381	23.5	376	23.6
Phoenix High School	1	**	0	**	2	**	1	*
Shiloh High School	183	19.5	176	18.6	171	19.2	197	19.0
South Gwinnett High School	193	18.6	182	18.2	164	20.0	190	18.5
Gwinnett County Public Schools	4,924	22.1	5,255	22.3	4,953	22.6	4,722	22.6
Georgia	54,653	21.0	58,073	21.1	57,431	21.4	56,481	21.4
National	1,924,436	21.0	2,090,342	20.8	2,030,038	21.0	1,914,817	20.8

*Denotes new school or data not available for that year.

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