

Roswell High School

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Key Results from 2008-09 School Improvement Plans

Improvement plans, which outline current and ongoing school goals, are developed by each Fulton County school. These guide school administrators and teachers toward improving student achievement and overall school success.

Objective – Increase the percentage of students who score 4 or 5 on Advanced Placement (AP) exams.

Results – Roswell High School successfully achieved this goal and was able to increase the percentage of students who scored a 4 or 5 on the AP exam. Roswell also increased the number of students who took AP exams as well. Roswell will continue to focus on the success of the AP program.

Objective – Increase student achievement for all ninth grade students.

Results – Roswell increased the number of ninth grade students who passed six of their classes for both the fall semester and spring semester. Roswell will continue to focus on the achievements of our freshmen and will continue the Hornet Advisory Program for all incoming freshmen.

Objective – Improve average SAT scores.

Results – Roswell increased the average SAT scores and will continue to build SAT prep assessments into lesson plans, including weekly grammar quizzes.

Objective – Increase math Georgia High School Graduation Test scores for all students.

Results – Roswell increased the math GHS GT scores for all students, with the biggest increase in the economically disadvantaged subgroup. Roswell will add the English GHS GT as one of the goals on the 2009-10 school improvement plan.

About this Report

The Fulton County School System uses a framework – called the **Value-Added Performance System** – that guides school leaders in raising student achievement by measuring academic growth as well as performance and by comparing or “benchmarking” against similar schools achieving excellent results.

The system helps answer the questions:

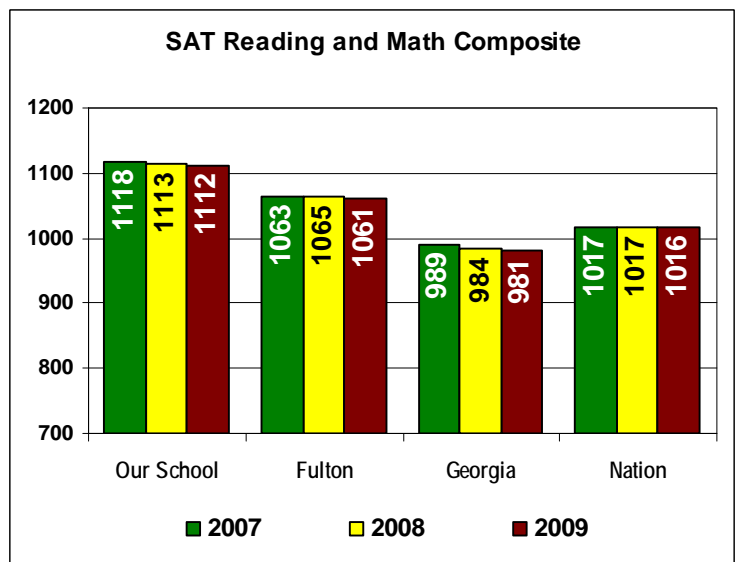
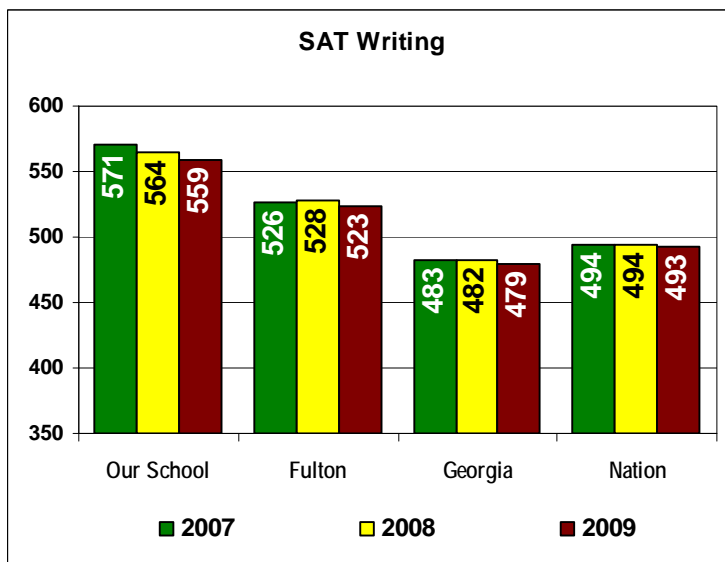
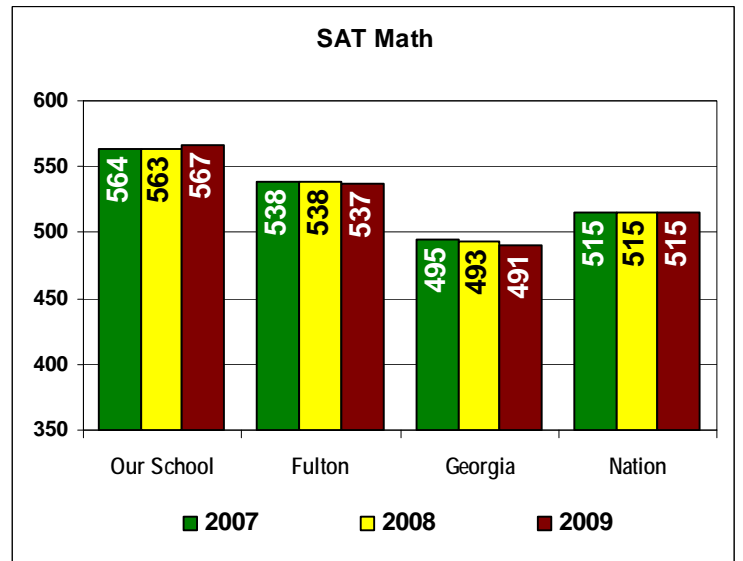
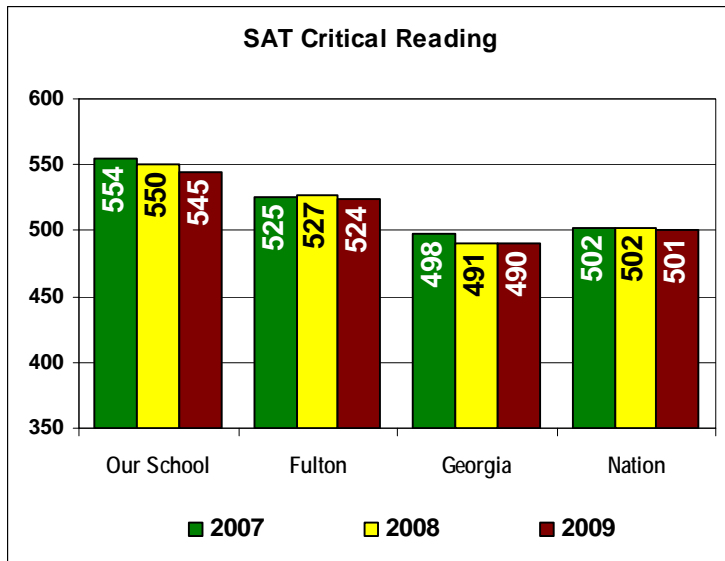
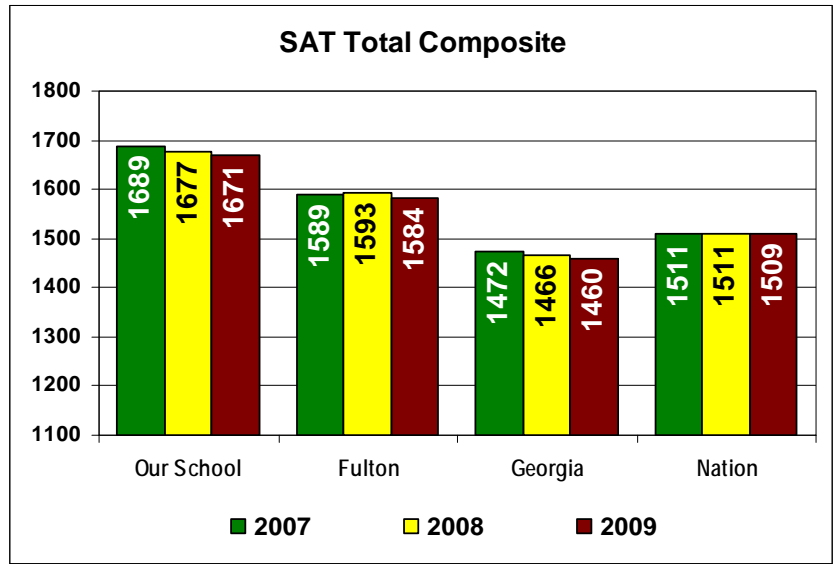
- **How effective are our schools?**
- **How much difference do our schools and teachers make?**
- **How much added value do our schools offer over other schools and school systems?**
- **How can we improve in order to better help each and every student reach his or her fullest potential?**

The Value-Added Performance System uses analytical tools to isolate data that reflects the school’s impact on student learning. It enables the school to focus on factors over which they have control to better focus improvement initiatives.

2008-09 Academic Achievement

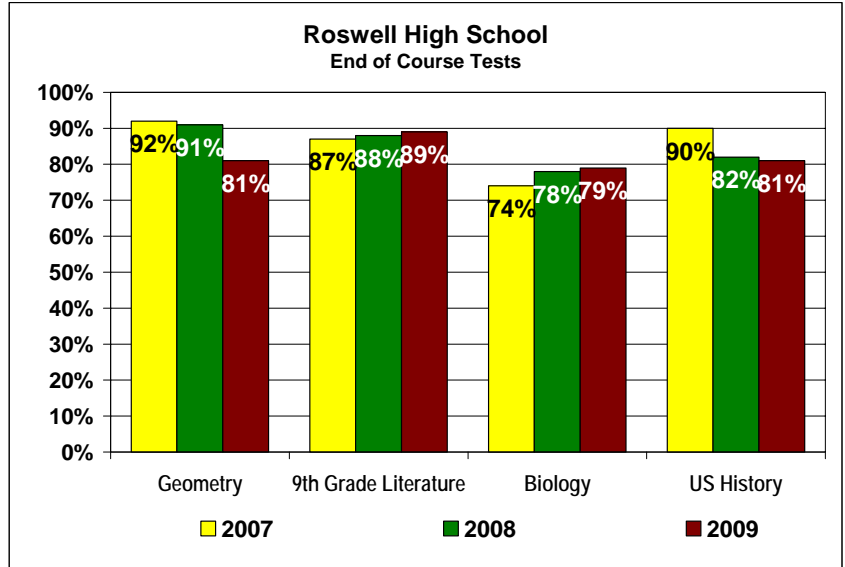
SAT – A Three-Year Comparison

The SAT, administered by The College Board, consists of three academic areas – a critical reading section, a math section and a writing section. Each section of the SAT is scored with a range of 200 to 800 for a combined total of 2400.



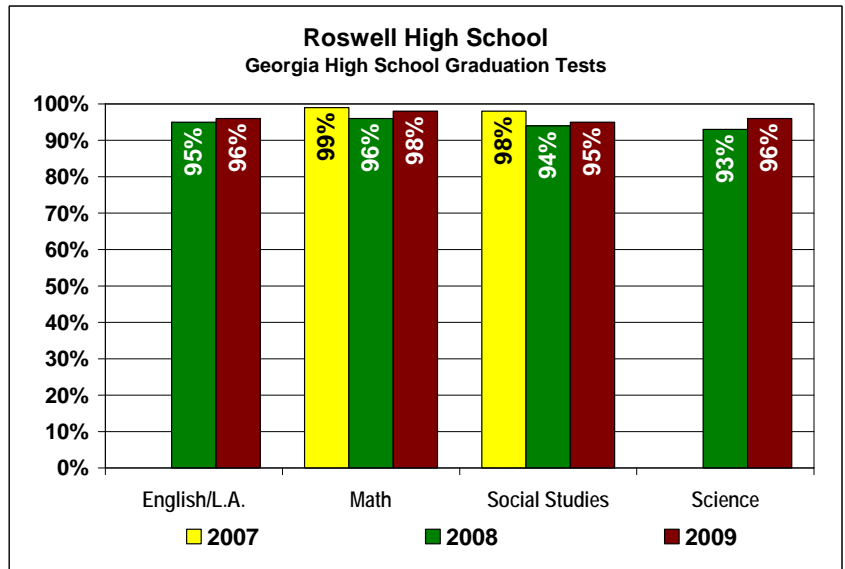
End of Course Tests

High school students must complete an End of Course Test (EOCT) at the conclusion of core courses. These examinations are created by the State and are linked to the Georgia Performance Standards, making them a valid measure of Fulton students' acquisition of critical content in these courses. The chart to the right shows the performance of our students during the past three years, in all EOCT subject areas.



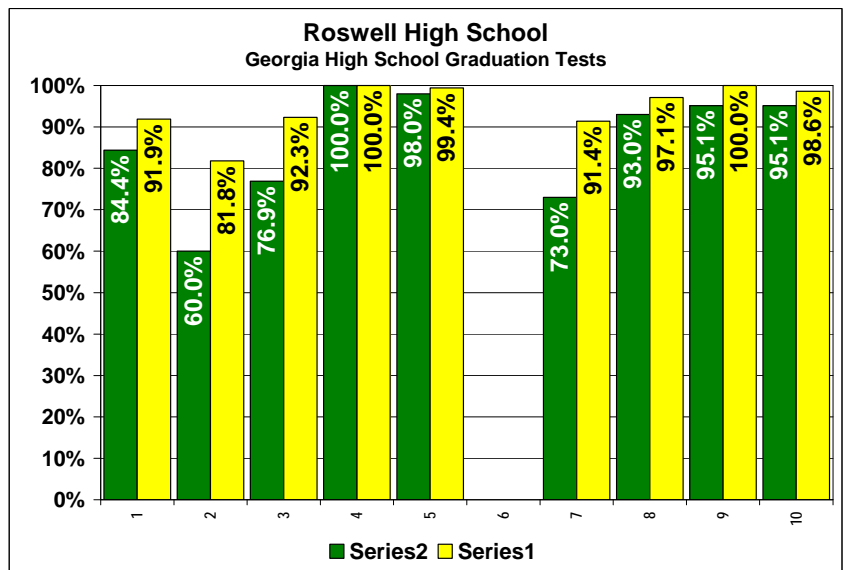
Georgia High School Graduation Tests

The Georgia High School Graduation Tests are standards-based examinations and used to determine overall learning linked to the Georgia Performance Standards. Students may re-take the test until they pass. The chart to the right indicates the percentage of students passing all four areas of the GHSGT in the first administration of the test.



Results Separated by Student Demographics

The chart to the right indicates the percentage of students passing the first administration of the English/language arts and math portions of the most recently administered GHSGT, sorted by demographic groups identified in the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Data is not shown for a specific demographic if there are fewer than 10 students in the group.



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2008-09 Highlights and Achievements

Academics and Activities

- Recognized in the top 3% of America's Best High Schools by Newsweek Magazine
- Named an AP Merit School for a second consecutive year
- Highest number of AP exams taken (1,201) over the last five years with an 88% pass rate
- SAT scores ranked eighth in the state
- Math SAT scores increased to 567; fourth highest in the county
- 98% pass rate on the math GHSQT; third highest in the county
- Economics EOCT scores were first in the county and third highest in the state
- Senior class earned more than \$11 million in scholarship money
- Academic Team qualified for National Academic Bowl and finished in the top 12 nationally
- Annual Academic Bowl and Japan Challenge had three first place winners
- 17 National Latin Exams awards
- 23 National Spanish Exam awards
- 4 National French Exam awards
- Student received an Award in Writing from the National Council of Teachers of English
- 11 National Merit Finalists
- One National Achievement Finalist
- Two National Merit Scholars
- JROTC Raider Team won district championship
- JROTC Rifle Team finished second in the sub-region and qualified for state
- Robotics Team won Robotics Peachtree Regional
- Men's Fencing Team finished second in state
- Varsity Girls Basketball Team Region Champions
- Varsity Girls Lacrosse finished in the top eight in the state
- Chamber Orchestra accepted (only one from seven orchestras selected) to perform at the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) Conference in Savannah
- Band completed 40 consecutive years of Superior ratings at the GMEA Large Group Festival

Other Notable Achievements

- Principal became three-time recipient of Georgia Department of Education High Performance Principal Award
- Counselor presented at Georgia School Counselor Association's Annual Conference
- Head counselor presented at Southern Association for College Admission Counseling's Annual Conference
- Graduation coach presented at the National Dropout Prevention Network Convention
- Three math teachers presented at T³ Regional Conference
- P.E. teacher named head baseball coach for Team USA
- Varsity girls' head coach named 6-AAAAA Basketball Coach of the Year

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