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## Fulton students show gains on SAT

### *District's total average score improves 40 points over previous year*

According to results released today by The College Board, The Fulton County School System showed improvement and continued to outperform the state and nation on the SAT. Fulton increased its total average score in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) and Math by 40 points, to 1091 this year, compared to 1051 in 2017. The state and national scores for public schools were 1054 and 1049, respectively.

There also was improvement in individual school performance. Fourteen of the district's 18 high schools increased their total scores, with 10 reporting gains of 10 or more points. Attached are scores for each school.

Alpharetta High School, Banneker High School, Cambridge High School, Centennial High School, Chattahoochee High School, Hapeville Charter Career Academy, Johns Creek High School, Milton High School, Northview High School, North Springs Charter High School, Riverwood International Charter School, Roswell High School, Tri-Cities High School and Westlake High School increased their total scores this year.

Of the 14 schools with increases, Alpharetta High, Banneker High, Cambridge High, Chattahoochee High, Hapeville Charter Career Academy, Johns Creek High, Milton High, Northview High, North Springs Charter High and Riverwood International Charter School had double-digit gains.

Fulton also saw an increase in the number of students taking the SAT in 2018. The total number of test takers in Fulton was 5,411 in 2018, compared to 4,110 in 2017.

This marks the second year of the re-designed SAT, which Fulton County students took for the first time in 2016-17. The new test has two sections (Evidence-Based Reading/Writing and Math) whereas the previous SAT had three sections (Critical Reading, Writing and Math). Both the new and old SAT have an optional essay.

With the redesign, scoring for the test also changed. The old SAT had an overall score of 2400, while the new SAT has an overall score of 1600.

### **About the SAT**

The SAT is a college entrance exam that is developed, administered and scored by The College Board. It is designed to test the subject matter learned by students in high school and the critical thinking skills necessary to

succeed in college. The test has two sections – critical reading/writing and mathematics – both worth 800 points, for a highest possible score of 1600.

In Fulton County, PSAT testing occurs for students in grades 9, 10 and 11 to help strengthen their academic preparation and to identify personal strengths and weaknesses before they take the test. Free SAT prep classes also are offered online through The College Board.

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**About the Fulton County School System.** The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. More than 95,000 students attend 106 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton and Union City.