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CCSD remains near the top of the state, above national average in SAT results

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Charleston, SC — The College Board released the SAT results for the Class of 2020 last week, and once again, Charleston County School District (CCSD) is ahead of the national average. CCSD's most recent graduating class also ranks third (up from fifth last year and eighth in 2018) in South Carolina, only behind York 4 (Fort Mill) and Pickens County.

Highlights of the results include the following:

- 71.8 percent of CCSD's Class of 2020 took the SAT test (compared to the state average of 56 percent).
- CCSD earned an average of 543 in Evidence-based Reading and Writing (ERW) and 523 in Math for a total composite score of 1065. The state average for the Class of 2020 is 519-499-1019, and the national average is 520-510-1030.
- Among the 10 largest districts in South Carolina, CCSD had the highest SAT composite average. CCSD is also the highest-ranking district in the lower part of the state.
- Academic Magnet High School had the highest SAT composite score among all high schools in South Carolina.
- Composite scores in seven CCSD schools improved from the year before.
- More CCSD seniors took the SAT than in previous years, with the percentage of seniors tested increasing by 3.7 percentage points.

CCSD High School 2020 SAT Composite Scores

High School	% Seniors Tested	Composite Score	Change from last year
Academic Magnet	97.7%	1368	-18
Baptist Hill	27.7%	892	-1
Burke	53.5%	827	-27
Charleston County SOA	89.1%	1166	+19
Charleston Charter SMS	75.0%	1054	+25
Garrett Academy	13.8%	864	+52

James Island Charter	73.1%	1055	-13
Military Magnet	62.1%	892	+25
North Charleston	23.7%	848	+54
R.B. Stall	61.7%	857	-58
St. John's	45.8%	889	+38
Wando	84.7%	1131	-2
West Ashley	69.9%	954	+16

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally-accredited school district that is committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.

