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MEDIA RELEASE

SAT Results Narrow the Gap for College Readiness

(Columbus, GA)-The Muscogee County School District Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) results show the highest district scores to date. The district met the state average score for Math and is closing the gap with the state in critical areas like Reading and Writing scores. In addition, a five-year trend comparison indicates increases that surpass the state and nation in all areas. The composite mean increased by 22 points over the last five-year period in comparison to the state increase of 7 points and national decrease of -14 during the same time period.

Additional analysis of the data shows:

- The District's SAT composite score went up 16 points over last year.
- This year's composite score represents the highest composite score for the District since 2006 when the Writing portion was added to the test.
- The combined Reading and Math scores are the highest since 2005.
- The District matched the state average in Math (490).
- An overall decrease in the percentage of seniors tested as students migrate to the American College Test (ACT), a curriculum based achievement test that measures the skills taught in school and deemed important for first-year college courses.

It is important to note a different cohort of students take the SAT each year, which makes it difficult to make a comparison from one year to the next.

*Total Number of Students Tested	878
*Total Number of Students Enrolled (from FTE 1)	2,083

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Results are contingent upon the level of coursework students pursue prior to the test administration. Since the SAT and American College Testing (ACT) allow students to sit for the exam regardless of coursework, results can vary from year to year.

**Muscogee County School District
SAT Reasoning Test
FIVE YEAR TREND**

READING

Group	2012 Grads	2013 Grads	2014 Grads	2015 Grads	2016 Grads	15-16	5 Year
	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Change	Change
Nation	496	496	497	495	494	-1	-2
Georgia	488	490	488	490	493	3	5
MCSD	479	481	480	481	485	4	6

MATH

Group	2012 Grads	2013 Grads	2014 Grads	2015 Grads	2016 Grads	15-16	5 Year
	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Change	Change
Nation	514	514	513	511	508	-3	-6
Georgia	489	487	485	485	490	5	1
MCSD	476	482	477	481	490	9	14

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WRITING

Group	2012 Grads	2013 Grads	2014 Grads	2015 Grads	2016 Grads	15-16	5 Year
	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	Change	Change
Nation	488	488	487	484	482	-2	-6
Georgia	475	475	472	475	476	1	1
MCSD	471	472	472	470	473	3	2

READING and MATH

Group	2012 Grads	2013 Grads	2014 Grads	2015 Grads	2016 Grads	15-16	5 Year
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Change	Change
Nation	1010	1010	1010	1006	1002	-4	-8
Georgia	977	977	973	975	983	8	6
MCSD	955	963	957	962	975	13	20

READING, MATH and WRITING

COMPOSITE

Group	2012 Grads	2013 Grads	2014 Grads	2015 Grads	2016 Grads	15-16	5 Year
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Change	Change
Nation	1498	1498	1497	1490	1484	-6	-14
Georgia	1452	1452	1445	1450	1459	9	7
MCSD	1426	1435	1429	1432	1448	16	22

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Juniors are encouraged to link their College Board account, which offers access to helps students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success — including the SAT and the Advanced Placement Program, and Khan Academy account (short videos, lectures, practice exercises and tools) prior to October 1, 2016, to begin free personalized practice for the October administration of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

For more information, contact communications@muscogee.k12.ga.us, or [access SAT test dates and deadlines](#).

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