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Guilford County Schools Releases 2008 SAT Results

Overall, the District Showed Significant Improvement

GCS SAT Average Total Score for 2008 was 1471
GCS SAT Average Critical Reading Score for 2008 was 488
GCS SAT Average Math Score for 2008 was 503
GCS SAT Average Writing Score for 2008 was 480

Greensboro, NC – During the 2007-08 year, the average total SAT score among Guilford County Schools (GCS) students rose seven points, from 1464 in 2006-07 to 1471. In fact, GCS saw improvement in all subject areas, especially mathematics, where average scores jumped from 498 in 2006-07 to 503 in 2007-08.

The GCS subtotal score (combined math and critical reading score) increased by six points, while there was no change in the U.S. subtotal score and only a three-point increase in the North Carolina subtotal score. This increase narrowed the gap between subtotal scores for GCS and the state to 16 points in 2007-08 compared with 19 points in 2006-07 and the GCS and U.S. gap to 26 points in 2007-08 compared with 32 points in 2006-07.

"SAT scores in Guilford County increased last year as a result of focused effort and extraordinarily hard work on the part of students, teachers, principals and SAT Champions," said Dr. Jane Fleming, executive director of Advanced Learning.

Five of the district's schools had grand total scores that exceeded the U.S. average of 1511: The Early College at Guilford (by 396 points), Grimsley High (by 129 points), Weaver Academy (by 127 points), Northwest High (by 108 points) and Western High (by 47 points).

Nine schools had gains of 10 or more points on their grand total score: The Middle College at GTCC - Greensboro, High Point Central High, Smith High, Page High, Eastern High, Western High, Andrews High, Northeast High and Grimsley High.

Sixteen GCS students had a perfect score of 800 in critical reading, nine had a perfect score in mathematics and five had a perfect score in writing. One GCS student had a perfect subtotal score of 1600.

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According to Fleming, the strongest correlation with higher SAT scores is a rigorous course of study in high school. GCS maintains a strong, continuing partnership with the College Board to increase equity, preparation and enrollment of students in rigorous high school courses, including:

- Utilizing EOG scores and AP Potential to place students in demanding math and English courses
- Encouraging all students to take the PSAT in high school, and then utilizing those results to provide feedback and guidance to students, parents and core academic teachers
- Developing a range of strategies to coach students in SAT preparation skills, from online College Board software to the development of a strategic plan of action implemented by schools

“Obviously, there is no magic formula for raising SAT scores, but it is a combination of strategies that achieve results,” Fleming explained. “There is much to celebrate, but our work is not finished. The 2008-09 school year lies ahead, and we will continue our work to increase scores and participation.”

2004-2008 Average Scores and Participation Rates

School	Year	Critical Reading	Math	Critical Reading & Math	Writing	Grand Total	Participation
Andrews High	2008	433	436	**869**	422	**1291**	59.2
	2007	422	420	**842**	411	**1253**	57.5
	2006	438	447	**885**	436	**1321**	66.7
	2005	436	439	**875**			67.9
	2004	441	445	**886**			60.3
The Middle College at Bennett	2008	375	399	**774**	365	**1139**	41.4
	2007	405	366	**771**	408	**1179**	37.0
	2006	x	x	**x**	x	**x**	7.7
	2005						
	2004						
Dudley High	2008	417	438	**855**	418	**1273**	53.5
	2007	424	437	**861**	420	**1281**	85.1
	2006	413	425	**838**	408	**1246**	67.2
	2005	411	419	**830**			60.6
	2004	421	408	**829**			66.2
Eastern High	2008	460	473	**933**	442	**1375**	54.6
	2007	439	462	**901**	429	**1330**	57.7
	2006	451	476	**927**	440	**1367**	54.6
	2005	456	469	**925**			58.2
	2004	466	459	**925**			53.5
Greensboro College Middle College	2008	461	460	**921**	458	**1379**	82.1
	2007	509	506	**1015**	489	**1504**	90.0
	2006	508	504	**1012**	501	**1513**	88.9
	2005	501	480	**981**			100.0
	2004	540	514	**1054**			78.6
Grimsley High	2008	544	557	**1101**	539	**1640**	70.8
	2007	548	547	**1095**	535	**1630**	86.9
	2006	557	558	**1115**	546	**1661**	89.0
	2005	563	566	**1129**			86.8
	2004	562	553	**1115**			86.9
The Early College at Guilford	2008	640	639	**1279**	628	**1907**	100.0
	2007	656	629	**1285**	642	**1927**	97.8
	2006	634	638	**1272**	602	**1874**	100.0
	2005	648	629	**1277**			100.0
	2004	623	598	**1221**			85.0
The Middle College at GTCC - Greensboro	2008	512	492	**1004**	460	**1464**	23.1
	2007	433	413	**846**	415	**1261**	19.4
	2006						
	2005	The Middle College at GTCC - Greensboro opened in 2006					
	2004						

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The Middle College at GTCC - Jamestown	2008	473	473	**946**	441	**1387**	37.5
	2007	465	476	**941**	457	**1398**	35.5
	2006	568	505	**1073**	499	**1572**	37.5
	2005	506	460	**966**			56.6
	2004	479	465	**944**			33.3
High Point Central High	2008	481	497	**978**	478	**1456**	66.1
	2007	457	477	**934**	454	**1388**	84.0
	2006	466	488	**954**	458	**1412**	77.8
	2005	459	488	**947**			63.7
	2004	480	503	**983**			67.9
The Academy at Central	2008	412	422	**834**	392	**1226**	24.0
	2007	x	x	**x**	x	**x**	5.3
	2006	The Academy at Central opened in 2007					
	2005						
	2004						
The Middle College of Entertainment Technology at GTCC	2008	457	459	**916**	414	**1330**	28.9
	2007	446	465	**911**	446	**1357**	16.7
	2006	The Middle College of Entertainment Technology at GTCC opened in 2006					
	2005						
	2004						
The Middle College at NCA&T	2008	346	335	**681**	323	**1004**	57.9
	2007	375	381	**756**	336	**1092**	31.6
	2006	x	x		x	**x**	13.9
	2005						
	2004						
Northeast High	2008	449	459	**908**	431	**1339**	55.6
	2007	441	450	**891**	434	**1325**	53.1
	2006	461	486	**947**	453	**1400**	71.3
	2005	458	482	**940**			70.7
	2004	474	483	**957**			68.2
Northwest High	2008	532	558	**1090**	529	**1619**	77.2
	2007	543	558	**1101**	535	**1636**	79.1
	2006	541	565	**1106**	536	**1642**	71.4
	2005	548	560	**1108**			85.4
	2004	568	577	**1145**			78.1
Page High	2008	497	507	**1004**	494	**1498**	72.2
	2007	483	491	**974**	477	**1451**	80.1
	2006	490	500	**990**	486	**1476**	73.6
	2005	503	519	**1022**			69.4
	2004	511	522	**1033**			70.6

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School	Year	Critical Reading	Math	Critical Reading & Math	Writing	Grand Total	Participation
Ragsdale High	2008	487	508	**995**	487	**1482**	68.0
	2007	489	513	**1002**	484	**1486**	68.3
	2006	486	508	**994**	484	**1478**	72.4
	2005	486	513	**999**			76.9
	2004	509	521	**1030**			79.1
Smith High	2008	408	437	**845**	398	**1243**	49.5
	2007	392	412	**804**	390	**1194**	60.2
	2006	414	431	**845**	403	**1248**	56.1
	2005	392	401	**793**			54.4
	2004	423	420	**843**			52.7
The Academy at Smith	2008	396	416	**812**	387	**1199**	65.2
	2007	427	411	**838**	419	**1257**	22.6
	2006						
	2005	The Academy at Smith opened in 2007					
	2004						
Southeast High	2008	474	490	**964**	460	**1424**	70.1
	2007	483	499	**982**	469	**1451**	73.7
	2006	467	484	**951**	456	**1407**	70.3
	2005	502	499	**1001**			69.1
	2004	505	506	**1011**			68.4
Southern High	2008	441	448	**889**	429	**1318**	50.6
	2007	456	468	**924**	444	**1368**	59.8
	2006	458	465	**923**	451	**1374**	65.8
	2005	456	461	**917**			68.8
	2004	454	460	**914**			48.6
Southwest High	2008	476	494	**970**	462	**1432**	70.3
	2007	483	494	**977**	476	**1453**	76.4
	2006	491	515	**1006**	479	**1485**	81.2
	2005	499	511	**1010**			75.5
	2004	505	522	**1027**			72.5
Weaver Academy	2008	563	545	**1108**	530	**1638**	93.8
	2007	582	535	**1117**	543	**1660**	88.6
	2006	570	527	**1097**	548	**1645**	88.2
	2005						
	2004						
Western High	2008	515	530	**1045**	513	**1558**	77.2
	2007	499	520	**1019**	497	**1516**	76.2
	2006	502	521	**1023**	501	**1524**	81.4
	2005	510	520	**1030**			76.9
	2004	521	530	**1051**			84.3

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GUILFORD COUNTY	2008	488	503	**991**	480	**1471**	65.6
	2007	487	498	**985**	479	**1464**	70.6
	2006	490	504	**994**	482	**1476**	70.3
	2005	492	502	**994**			69.7
	2004	503	508	**1011**			68.1
NORTH CAROLINA	2008	496	511	**1007**	482	**1489**	63.0
	2007	495	509	**1004**	482	**1486**	71.0
	2006	495	513	**1008**	485	**1493**	71.0
	2005	499	511	**1010**			74.0
	2004	499	507	**1006**			70.0
UNITED STATES	2008	502	515	**1017**	494	**1511**	**
	2007	502	515	**1017**	494	**1511**	**
	2006	503	518	**1021**	497	**1518**	**
	2005	508	520	**1028**			**
	2004	508	518	**1026**			**

About Guilford County Schools

Guilford County Schools is the third largest school district in North Carolina serving more than 71,000 students at 120 schools. With approximately 10,000 employees, the district's mission is to graduate responsible citizens prepared to succeed in higher education or the career of their choice.

Guilford County Schools is a national leader in providing specialized schools and instructional programs designed to meet the educational needs of a culturally diverse citizenship. For more information, visit the district's Web site at www.gcsnc.com.

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