

## **Cobb School District SAT Scores Increase For Third Year in a Row: Six Schools Achieve Double-Digit Increases**

SAT scores for the Cobb County School District increased by four points and remain well above the averages for both the state and nation. The CCSD class of 2016 posted an average score of 1520, which is 61 points higher than the state average and 36 points higher than the national average.

“For the third straight year our students have continued to make gains in the overall SAT score for the district,” said Cobb County School District Superintendent Chris Ragsdale. “Our continued success is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our entire team.”

Most impressive are the 6 Cobb school district high schools who scored double-digit increases: Campbell (up 42 points), South Cobb (up 32 points), Kennesaw Mountain (up 22 points), Wheeler (up 18 points), Pebblebrook (up 12 points), and Harrison (up 11 points).

“Our counselors, teachers and administrators communicate frequently about SAT preparation through individual advisement conferences, parent/student meetings, and classroom lessons,” said Campbell High School Principal Dr. Jeanne Walker “Multiple opportunities to prepare for the SAT are provided by our classroom teachers, our PTA, Project 2400, and independent tutoring programs.”

Ten of the district’s high schools had scores above the state average of 1459. Those schools include Walton (1730), Lassiter (1654), Pope (1649), and Wheeler (1635).

“Our scores continue to be high because our students are encouraged to take very rigorous courses, such as advance placement,” said Judy F. McNeill, Principal of Walton High School.

The College Board redesigned the SAT in March of 2016. Scores from the new SAT are not included in this press release. Scores from the new SAT cannot be directly compared to the old SAT.

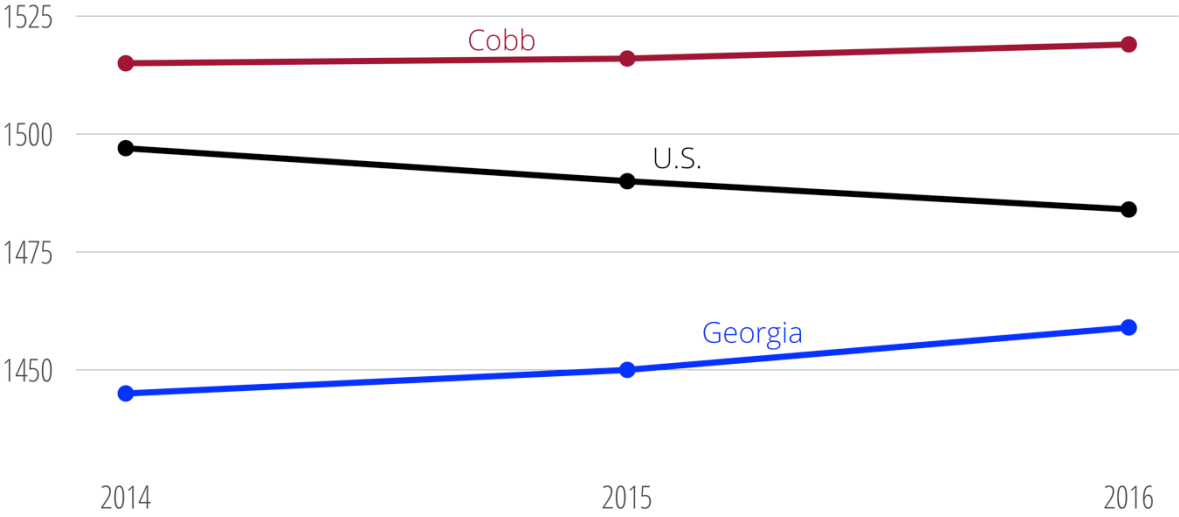
“Pope High School’s scores are going in the right direction,” said Principal of Pope High School, Dr. Bob Downs “Our teachers are doing a great job focusing on literacy in the classroom.”

“We have done a lot of work to ensure our teachers integrate SAT strategies into our everyday coursework,” said Dr. Chris Richie, Principal of Lassiter High School.

Five-year trends for scores for the three sections of the SAT are given in Table 1 of this press release. Average SAT scores for each Cobb high school are listed in Table 2.

# SAT Scores Increasing in Cobb and Georgia but Decreasing in U.S.

Total SAT Score of Seniors Graduating in 2014-2016



Source: Collegeboard

Table 1. Five-year (2012–2016) Comparison of SAT Scores for College-bound Seniors from the Cobb County School District (Test Scale: 200 – 800)

A. Reading Scores

Year	National	Georgia	Cobb
2012	496	488	512
2013	496	490	512
2014	497	488	512
2015	495	490	513
2016	494	493	514

B. Math Scores

Year	National	Georgia	Cobb
2012	514	489	514
2013	514	487	510
2014	513	485	509
2015	511	485	510
2016	508	490	513

C. Writing Scores

Year	National	Georgia	Cobb
2012	488	475	494
2013	488	475	493
2014	487	472	494
2015	484	475	493
2016	482	476	493

Table 2. Three-year (2014–2016) Comparison of the SAT Scores  
at Each High School in the Cobb County School District

	Critical Reading			Math			Writing			SAT Total		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
National	497	495	494	513	511	508	487	484	482	1497	1490	1484
Georgia	488	490	493	485	485	490	472	474	476	1445	1450	1459
Cobb	512	513	514	509	510	513	494	493	493	1515	1516	1520
Allatoona	500	510	506	500	513	513	473	485	485	1473	1508	1504
Campbell	483	475	489	470	470	487	472	467	478	1425	1412	1454
Harrison	535	529	527	534	523	528	519	505	513	1588	1557	1568
Hillgrove	506	511	513	502	505	508	488	484	486	1496	1500	1507
Kell	501	508	504	506	505	502	479	484	480	1486	1497	1486
Kennesaw Mtn.	544	539	546	544	544	549	514	505	515	1602	1588	1610
Lassiter	549	554	552	561	566	566	533	536	536	1643	1656	1654
McEachern	460	460	457	437	441	439	435	441	438	1332	1342	1334
North Cobb	493	498	501	475	476	488	473	478	471	1441	1452	1460
Osborne	429	418	419	415	403	409	404	398	399	1248	1219	1227
Pebblebrook	439	432	438	419	414	422	423	428	426	1281	1274	1286
Pope	558	551	557	563	559	560	545	537	532	1666	1647	1649
South Cobb	451	436	455	439	426	439	441	426	426	1331	1288	1320
Sprayberry	493	492	490	483	488	483	472	468	460	1448	1448	1433
Walton	574	584	577	587	598	588	563	566	565	1724	1748	1730
Wheeler	534	550	547	534	546	558	518	521	530	1586	1617	1635

Note: Score range 200–800 for Critical Reading, Math, and Writing tests. Score range 600–2400 for total SAT.

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The **Cobb County School District** is the second largest school system in Georgia and the 24<sup>th</sup> largest in the nation. It serves 112,000 students and 114 schools, including 67 elementary schools, 25 middle schools, 16 high schools, two charter schools, one special education center, one adult education center and one performance learning center. Our vision is *One Team, One Goal: Student Success*.