


**HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
**MONITORING REPORT - R-7 College and Career Readiness**

I certify that the information in this report is true.

Signed:  Date: 10-28-2020  
Rick Maxey, Superintendent

Disposition of the Board:

☐ In compliance  
☐ Not in compliance  
☐ Compliance with exception

Signed:  Date: 11/16/20  
Ken Richardson, Board Chair

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Governance Policy: R-7	Supt	Supt	Bd	Bd
	In compliance	Not in compliance	In compliance	Not in compliance
College and career readiness will be measured using on-time graduation rate and composite SAT and ACT scores. The on-time graduation rate will meet or exceed the <i>District Consolidated Goals</i> baseline measures. The composite SAT and ACT will meet or exceed the <i>District Consolidated Goals</i> baseline measures. The district will allocate the necessary resources to ensure students are college and career ready.	Yes			

**Interpretation:** *I interpret this policy to mean...the college readiness for each year's graduating class of seniors is to be measured by the two primary college entrance exams (SAT and ACT) and that the composite scores for each of those will improve over time. Additionally, the passage rate on Advanced Placement (AP) exams will be included since those represent high school classes that can earn college placement credit. On-time graduation rate will also be reported when released by the S.C. Department of Education.*

**Evidence of Status of Compliance:**

**SAT** – SAT results released for the senior class of 2020 show that Horry County Schools (HCS) continues to outpace the national average, even with an increase in the percentage of seniors taking the SAT over the previous year's class.

The District's composite score, which includes Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) and Mathematics, is 1033, three points above the national composite score of 1030 and 14 points higher than the state composite score of 1019. In the subtest of Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, HCS students had an average score of 527, which is seven points higher than the national average of 520 and is eight points higher than the state average of 519. In mathematics, HCS students had an average score of 506, which is four points lower than the national average of 510 but seven points higher than the state average of 499.

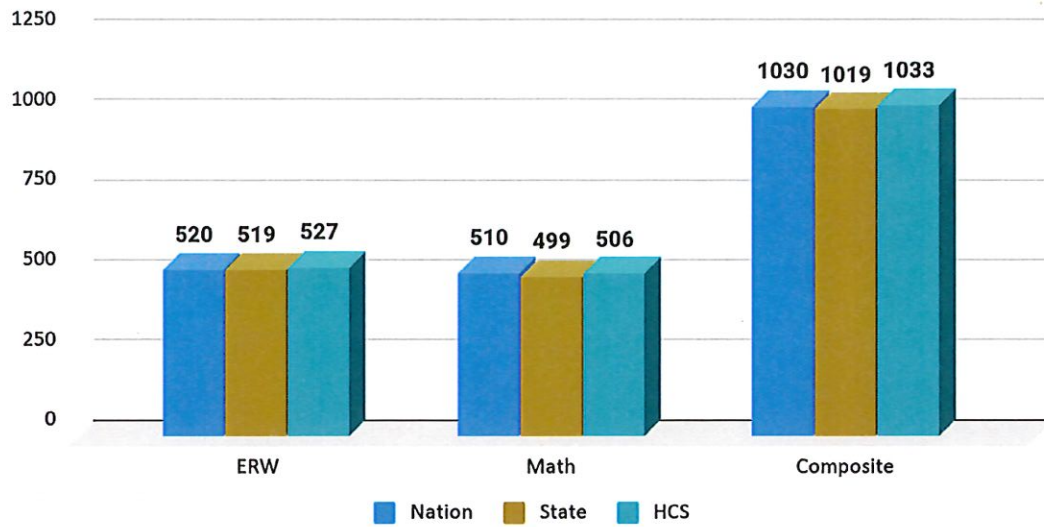
Newly released reports for 2020 include the first results of students who took the SAT during their third year of high school as an alternative to the ACT for state and federal accountability measures. Students were required to take one of these two tests as a measurement for college readiness, even if they did not plan to advance to higher education. Both tests were offered at no cost and were administered at school. Traditionally, SAT results reflect the performance of college-bound students who elect to take the test to meet college application requirements. Districtwide the scores of 1,593 seniors, 57.3 percent of the senior class, were reported in 2020 SAT results compared to scores of 1,382 seniors in 2019.

Five District schools have 2020 SAT composite scores that surpassed the national SAT composite score. They are The Academy for Arts, Science & Technology, 1168; Aynor High, 1089; North Myrtle Beach High, 1055; Carolina Forest High; 1052; and St. James High, 1044.

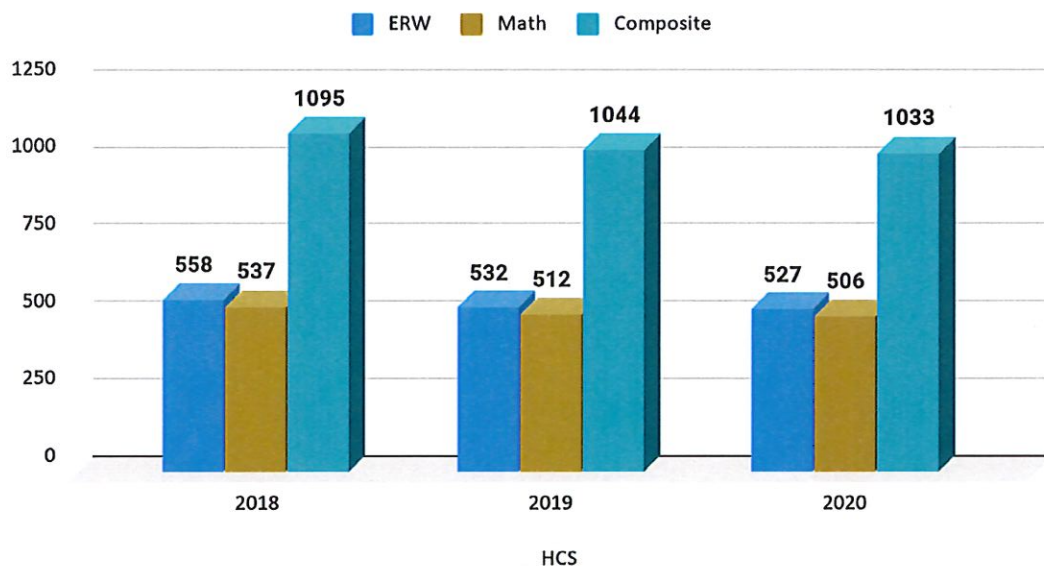
	Horry County Schools	Nation (Public)	State (Public)
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	527	520	519
SAT Mathematics	506	510	499
SAT Composite Mean Score	1033	1030	1019

## 2020 SAT Composite

Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math



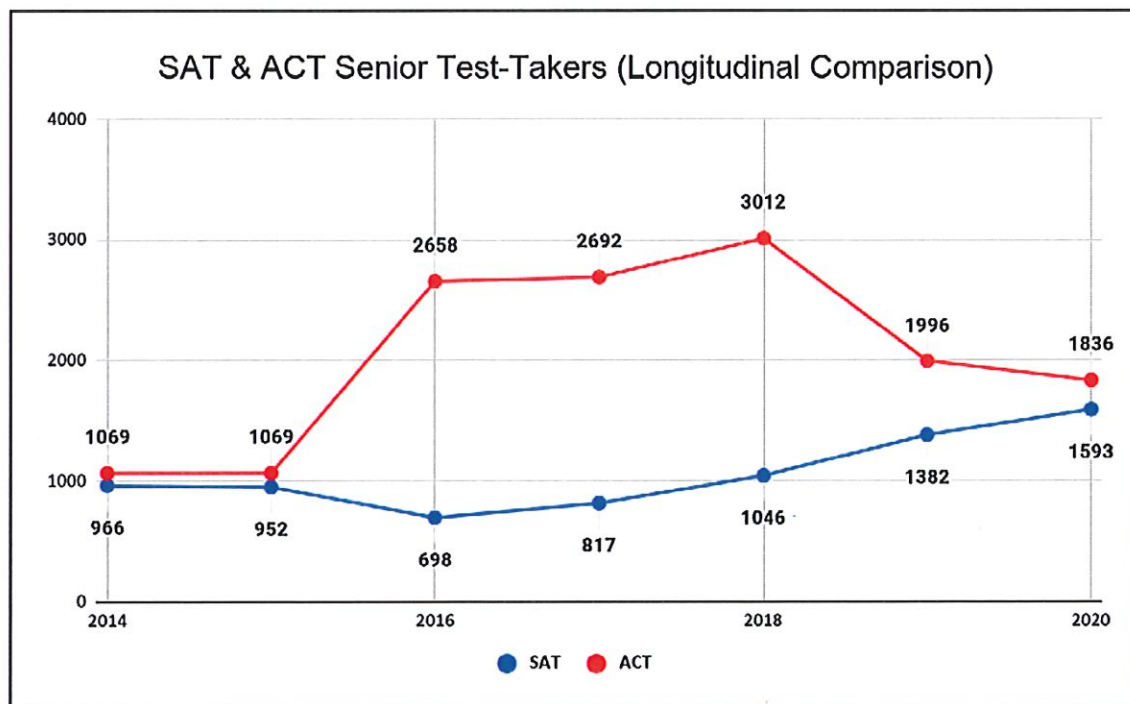
## 2018-2020 Comparisons



## 2020 SAT Performance by School

School	# Tested	Composite Score	ERW Score	Math Score
SA	45	1409	697	712
AAST	169	1168	597	571
AH	40	1089	544	545
NMBH	65	1055	542	513
CFH	272	1052	533	518
SJH	268	1044	538	506
SH	261	1025	522	503
ECH	46	988	497	490
MBH	144	982	503	479
LH	79	981	499	482
CH	129	968	491	476
GSFH	41	955	492	463
ATA	73	928	473	455
HCS	1593	1033	527	506

\*Scholars Academy students' scores are reported at their base schools.

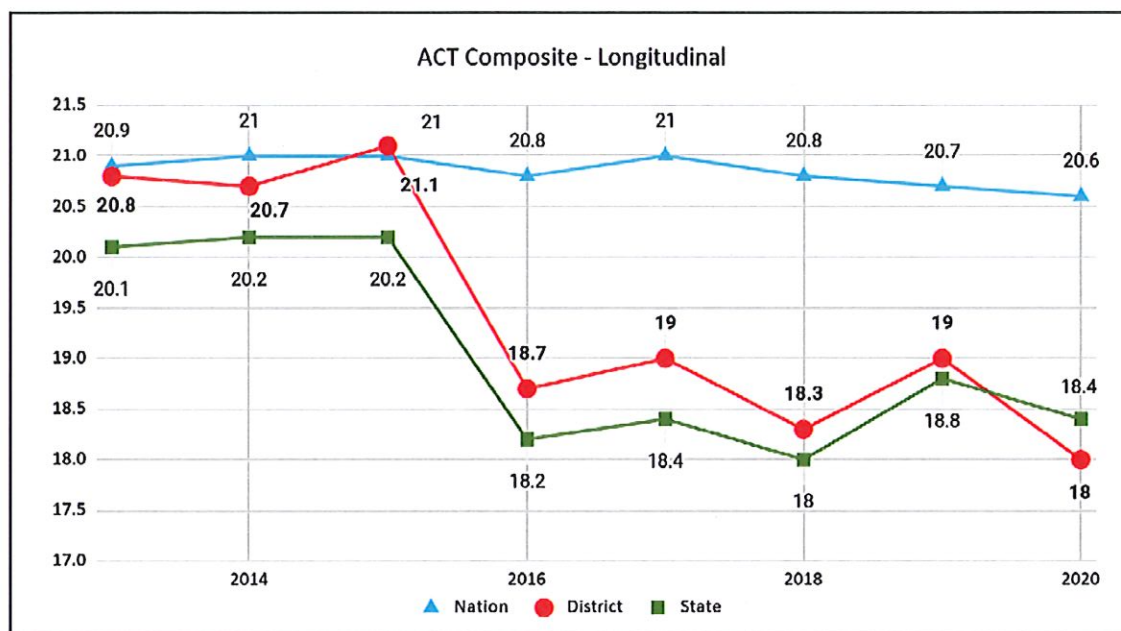


**ACT** – The ACT Composite score for the class of 2020 indicates a 1-point decrease to 18.0 similar to the state and national trends. HCS 2020 seniors dipped below the state average by 4 tenths of a point for the first time since



2013. The number of test-takers decreased by 160 students to 1836 from the previous year due to the state providing an opportunity for students to take either the ACT or SAT at no cost administered during the school day. District ACT scores are 0.4 points below the state average of 18.4 for public school students. The average HCS scores are as follows:

ACT Composite	18.0	Down 1.0
ACT English	16.8	Down 1.2
ACT Math	18.1	Down 1.0
ACT Reading	18.6	Down 0.9
ACT Science	18.1	Down 0.9

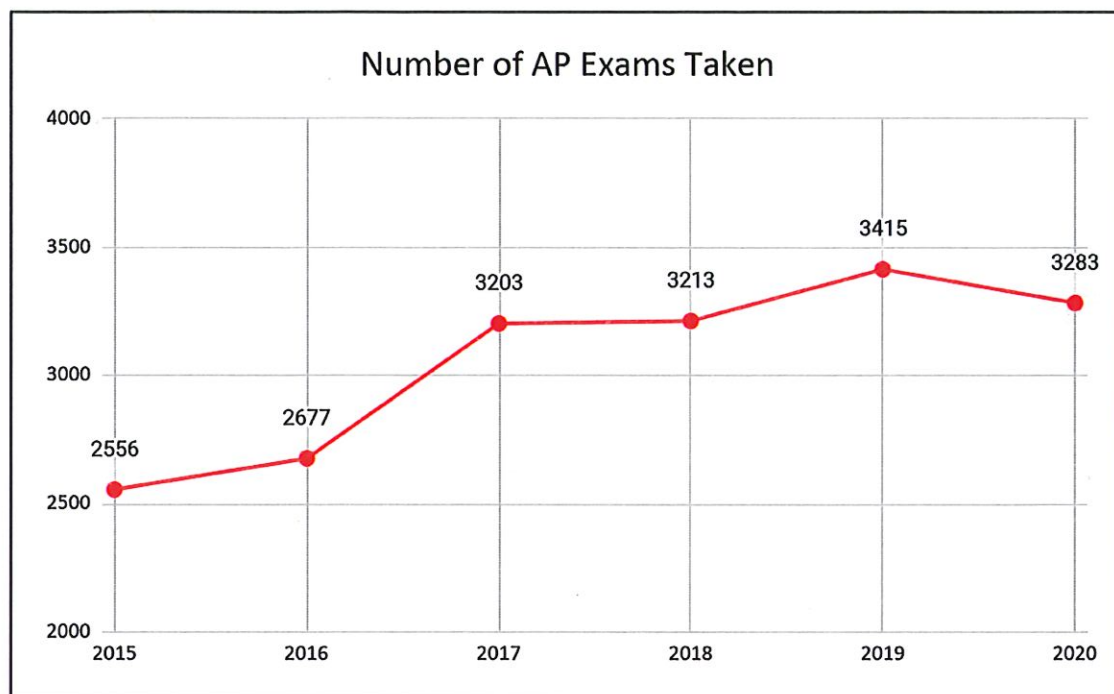


**Advanced Placement (AP)** – Newly-released data from College Board reports that HCS students increased their overall pass rate to 69.7 percent on Advanced Placement exams, outpacing the state average of 62.2 percent. Results for 2020 also show that HCS had a slight decrease of 3 percent in the number of students taking AP classes and a decrease of 3.8 percent in the number of AP exams taken.

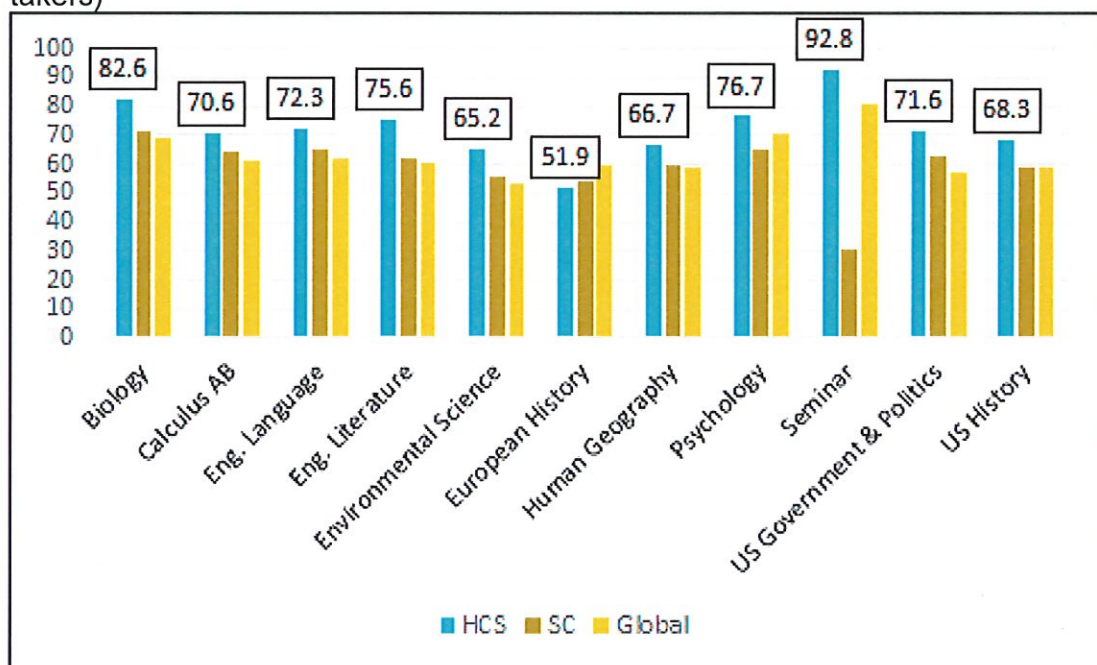
During the 2019-2020 school year, 2,145 HCS students participated in AP classes, slightly down from 2,213 students the previous year. For the school year ending in 2020, students taking AP classes took 3,283 exams, compared to 3,415 exams taken the previous year. The pass rate for AP exams is determined by scores of 3, 4, or 5. Students who earned scores of 3, 4, or 5 are also eligible to receive college course credit.

Five District schools had 2020 AP pass rates that surpassed the state average. They are The Academy for the Arts, Science, and Technology, 78.3 percent; St. James High School, 70.8 percent; Carolina Forest High School, 68.5 percent; Myrtle Beach High School, 68.3 percent; and Socastee High School, 67.3 percent.

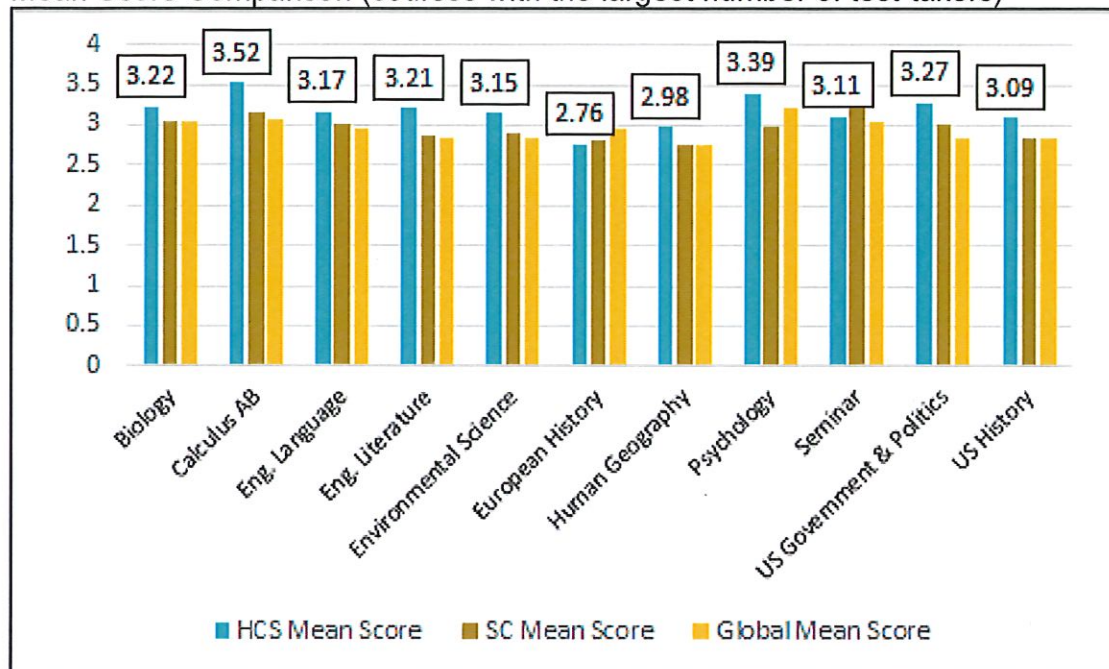
percent. National AP percentages have not yet been released by the College Board.



Percent Earning a Score of 3 or Higher (courses with the largest number of test-takers)



Mean Score Comparison (courses with the largest number of test-takers)



AP Exam Passage Rate by School

School	Courses Offered	Tests Taken	% Pass
AAST	17	576	78.3
ATA	1	9	44
AHS	9	131	40.5
CFHS	24	707	68.5
CHS	12	133	42.9
GSFHS	6	84	42.9
LHS	7	89	29.2
MBHS	17	199	68.3
NMBHS	6	151	60.9
SHS	12	257	67.3
SJHS	17	449	70.8
SA	14	424	92.9

**Ready 2 Work (WIN Career Readiness Assessment)** - Due to school closure in March 2020, the Ready 2 Work assessment was not administered. The 2021 senior class will take the assessment on October 19, 2020. Final results will be made available following the spring administration in March 2021.