

HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

MONITORING REPORT R-7 College and Career Readiness

I certify that the information in this report is true.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
 Rick Maxey, Superintendent

Disposition of the Board:

_____ In compliance
 _____ Not in compliance
 _____ Compliance with exception

Signed: _____ Date: _____
 Ken Richardson, Board Chair

Comments: _____

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.*

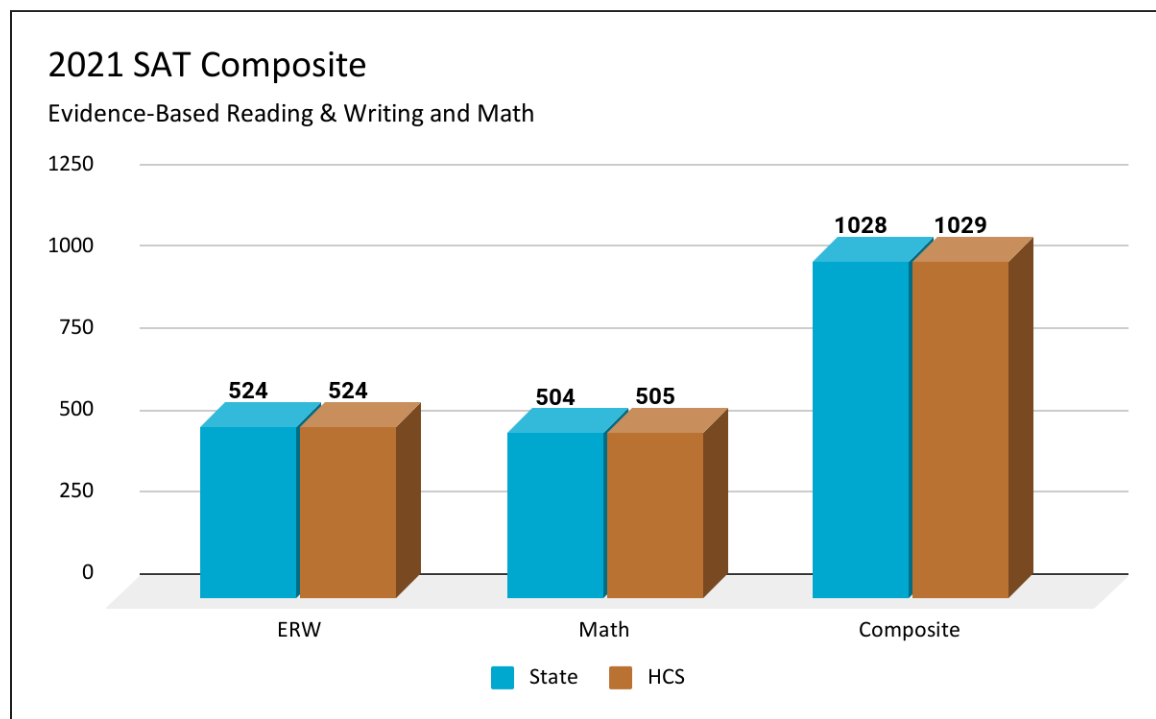
Evidence of Status of Compliance:

SAT – The District’s SAT composite score, which includes Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) and Mathematics, is 1029, one point above the state composite score of 1028. In the subtest of Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, HCS students had an average score of 524, the same as the state average. In mathematics, HCS students had an average score of 505, which is one point higher than the state average of 504.

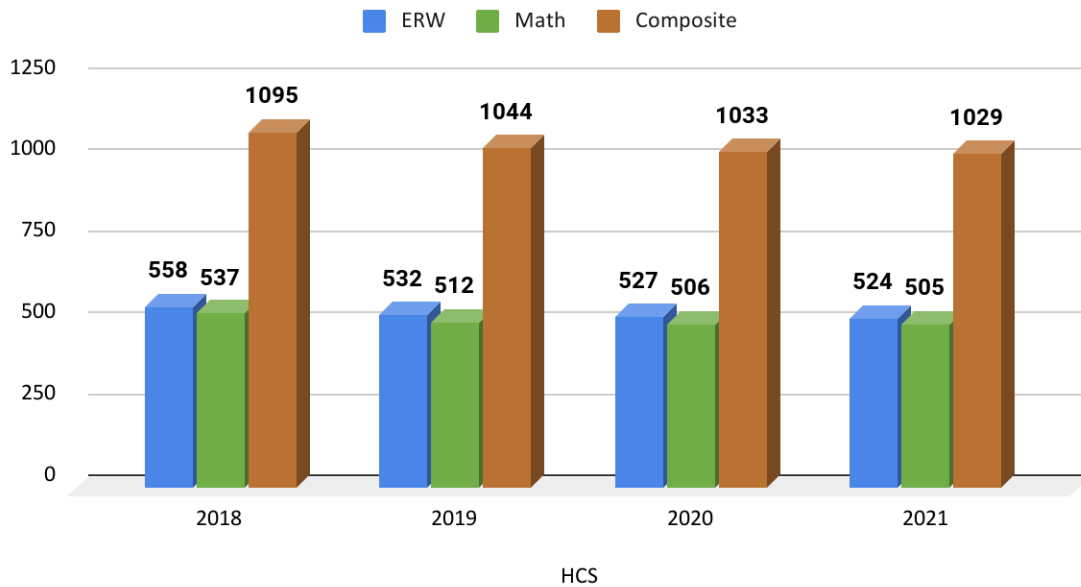
Districtwide, the scores of 1,516 seniors, 56.3 percent of the senior class, were reported in 2021 SAT results, compared to scores of 1,593 seniors in 2020.

Five District schools have 2021 SAT composite scores that surpassed the district and state SAT composite scores. They are The Academy for Arts, Science & Technology: 1138; Aynor High: 1121; Carolina Forest High: 1040; Scholars Academy: 1386; St. James High: 1035.

	Horry County Schools	State (Public)
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	524	524
SAT Mathematics	505	504
SAT Composite Mean Score	1029	1028



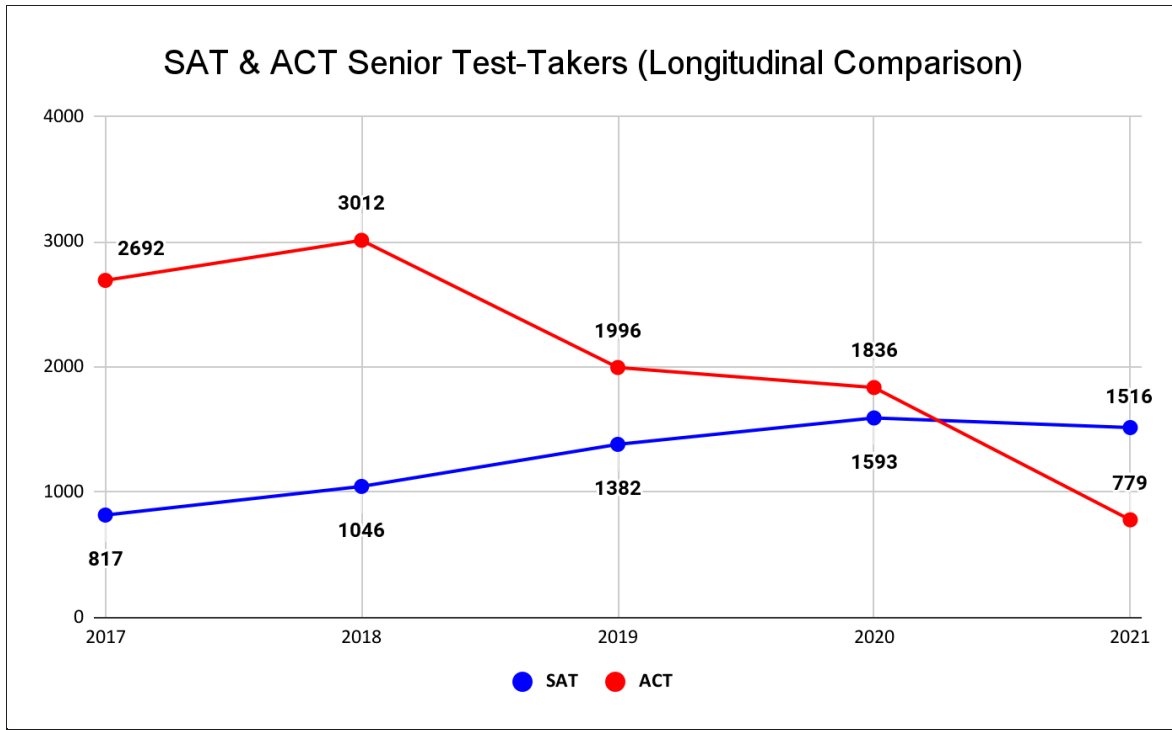
2018-2021 Comparisons



2021 SAT Performance by School*

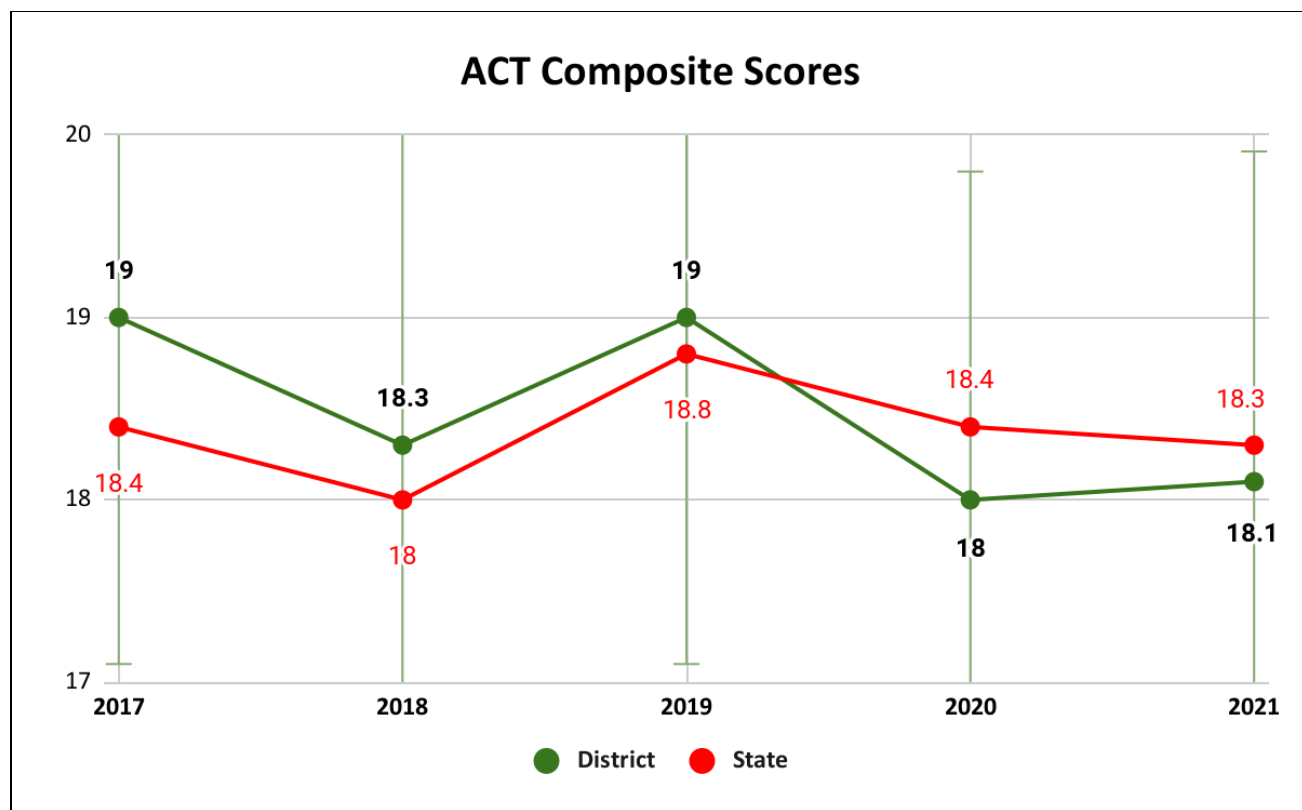
School	Composite	# Tested	ERW Score	Math Score
Academy for Arts, Sciences and Technology	1138	170	582	556
Academy for Technology and Academics	902	81	465	437
Aynor High School	1121	30	563	557
Carolina Forest High School	1040	284	526	514
Conway High School	973	106	495	478
Green Sea-Floyds High School	922	30	472	450
HCS Early College High School	982	52	492	490
Loris High School	993	51	510	483
Myrtle Beach High School	973	133	493	480
North Myrtle Beach High School	1025	61	525	500
Palmetto Academy for Learning Motorsports	817	6	417	400
Saint James High School	1035	283	532	503
Scholars Academy	1386	21	683	702
Socastee High School	1028	207	523	505
St James Middle School	810	1	480	330
District	1029	1516	524	505

*corrected 11/17/2021 - JLW



ACT – The ACT Composite score for the class of 2021 indicates a 0.1 point increase to 18.1. Horry County Schools’ 2021 seniors narrowed the gap performing below the state average by 2 tenths of a point. The number of test takers decreased by 529 students to 779 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.

ACT Composite	18.1	Up 0.1
ACT English	16.8	same
ACT Math	18.1	same
ACT Reading	18.6	same
ACT Science	18.3	Up 0.2

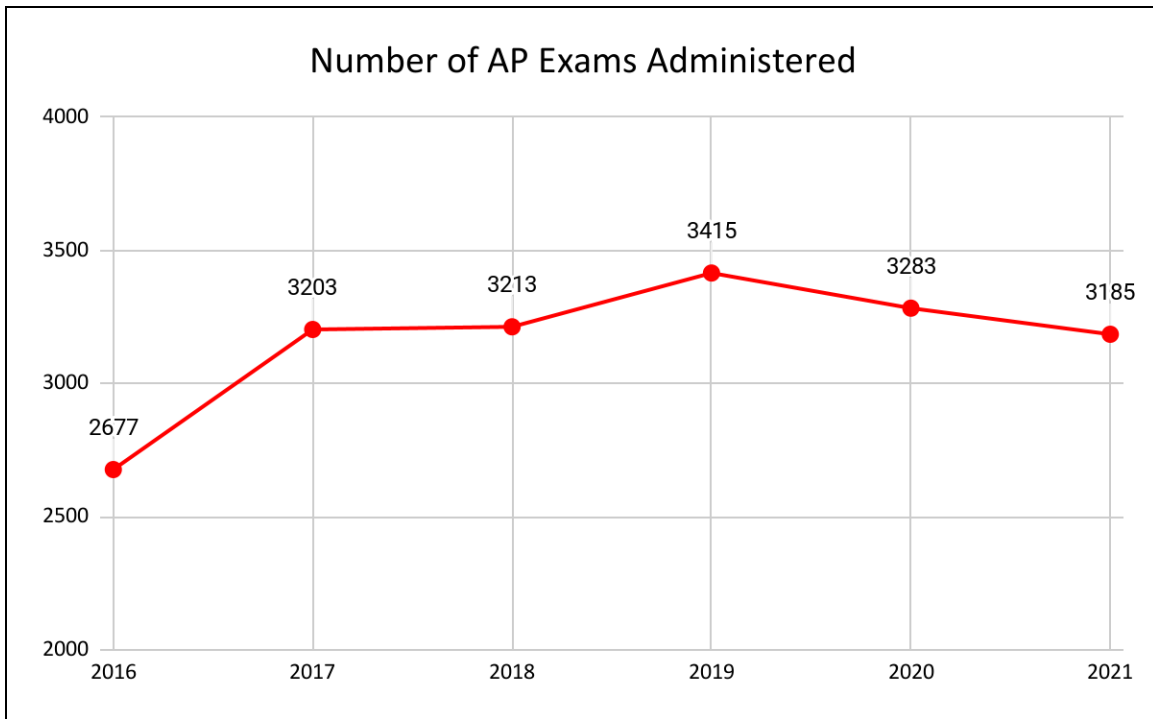


Advanced Placement (AP) – Newly-released data from College Board reports that Horry County Schools’ overall pass rate dropped to 64.6 percent in the spring of 2021 from 66.8 percent in the spring 2020 on Advanced Placement exams, outpacing the state average of 57.8 percent.

During the 2020-2021 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 2021, students taking AP classes took 3,185 exams, compared to 3,283 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.

Six District schools had 2021 AP pass rates that surpassed the state average of 57.8. They are The Academy for the Arts, Science, and Technology, 84.4 percent; the Academy for Technology and Academics, 60 percent; Carolina Forest High, 64.5 percent; North Myrtle Beach High, 61.9 percent; Scholars Academy, 92.3* percent; St. James High, 67.7 percent.

* *Scholars Academy results included in the base school reports.*



AP Exam Passage Rate by School

School	Courses Offered	Students Taking Exams	% Pass
AAST	17	371	85.4
ATA	1	6	60
AHS	6	133	39.1
CFHS	27	750	64.5
CHS	12	93	50.7
GSFHS	5	112	26.8
LHS	7	60	33.3
MBHS	13	149	56
NMBHS	6	128	61.9
SHS	12	179	53.9
SJHS	18	319	67.7
SA	20	474	98.9
HCSVS	5	249	37
District	33	2063	64.6

Ready 2 Work (WIN Career Readiness Assessment) - Each year third-year high school students are administered the Ready 2 Work Career Assessment. The assessment tests students' knowledge and job-related skills over three specific assessments: Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, and Locating Information. To be considered "career ready" a student must earn a silver certificate (minimum score of silver on all three tests). During the 2020-2021 school year 67.8% of students earned a silver certificate or higher, which is a slight 0.4% decrease from spring 2019. The WIN-Ready 2 Work assessment was not administered in the spring of 2020.

	Students tested on all three tests	No Certificate		Certificate		Bronze Certificate		Silver Certificate		Gold Certificate		Platinum Certificate		Silver Certificate or higher	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count
2021															
HCS	2948	15.1	444	84.9	25.4	17.1	504	54	1592	12.9	381	0.9	27	67.8	2000
SC	45009	18.1	8162	81.9	36847	19	8532	50.9	22926	10.9	4910	1.1	479	62.9	28315

