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# Media Release

## **CCSD Students score above State/Nation on 2018 SAT**

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**Charleston, SC** – Charleston County School District (CCSD) seniors scored above the state and nation on the overall composite and on both subtests of the 2018 SAT. Nearly two-thirds of seniors took the SAT, with the district’s overall composite score of 1096 coming in seven points higher than its 2017 score.

CCSD’s SAT composite ranks #8 among districts in South Carolina and is the highest ranking district in the lower part of the state (east of Columbia).

The SAT is a standardized test often used in the college admissions process. The SAT tests reading, writing, and mathematics skills students learn in school that are critical for success in college and beyond. Most students take the test during their junior or senior year of high school.

The district’s Academic Magnet High School had the highest SAT Combined score (reading and writing + math) among all high schools in South Carolina.

Also, ten CCSD high schools increased their overall composite, with only three high schools showing decreases in the overall score.

This year, CCSD increased its percentage of seniors taking the test by 9.1 points. The district’s percentage of seniors taking the SAT ranks third among districts in South Carolina.

“This exceptional performance reflects the tremendous effort teachers and students are putting toward achieving college readiness,” CCSD Superintendent Dr. Gerrita Postlewait said. “These are positive gains that we must continue to build upon.”

### 2018 SAT SCORES (SENIOR CLASS)

	% Seniors tested	Reading and Writing (ERW)	Math	Composite Score	Change from Last Year
Charleston County School District	65.7%	558	538	1096	+7
South Carolina	44.8%	543	529	1064	+6
Nation	n/a	529	520	1049	-11

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### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.