

Executive Summary 2024 ACT Performance

Fulton County Schools (FCS) students exceeded the state and national ACT composite scores for the eighth year. The average composite score on the ACT for Fulton students in the class of 2024 was 21.9, a decrease over the class of 2023 composite score of 22.8. The average composite score for Georgia decreased from 21.3 to 21.2, while the average composite score for all students in the nation decreased from 19.5 to 19.4.

Fulton County not only led the state in ACT scores but also had the highest number of test takers, with 3,891 students participating. This represents 15.6% of the total number of test takers in Georgia, emphasizing the district's commitment to academic excellence and college readiness.

ACT Composite Score

The average composite score for students in Fulton remained above the average composite score for Georgia and the nation. Fulton outpaced the nation and Georgia in each subject area.

	National	Georgia	Fulton County
English	18.6	20.5	21.3
Mathematics	19.0	20.4	21.4
Reading	20.1	22.2	22.8
Science	19.6	21.1	21.8
Composite	19.4	21.2	21.9

Fulton County's class of 2024 has demonstrated exceptional academic performance, surpassing both national and state averages in meeting all four of ACT's College Readiness benchmarks. These benchmarks are critical indicators of a student's preparation for college-level coursework.

Here's a detailed breakdown of the percentages of students meeting each benchmark:

Percent Who Met Benchmarks

English			Mathematics			Reading			Science			Met All Four		
Nation	State	Fulton	Nation	State	Fulton	Nation	State	Fulton	Nation	State	Fulton	Nation	State	Fulton
51	63	66	29	39	46	40	51	56	30	40	46	20	29	35

A benchmark score is a minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50 percent chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75 percent chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college courses.

Participation

The percentage of ACT graduates in Fulton County saw a significant increase from 2023 to 2024, rising from 47.8% to 54.8%, marking a seven-percentage point increase. This upward trend reflects a growing emphasis on college readiness and the district’s commitment to providing access for all students to take college readiness assessments.

Here’s a detailed look at the participation rates over the past five years:

Fulton County Graduate ACT Participation

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Participation	47.2%	30.9%	48.1%	47.8%	54.8%

Notably, Fulton County had more students taking the ACT than any other district in Georgia, with a total of 3,891 students participating. The district with the second-highest participation had 1,748 fewer students taking the test. This substantial participation rate underscores Fulton’s commitment to preparing its students for post-secondary education and ensuring they have the necessary tools to succeed in college.

Individual School Results

Nine Fulton County schools scored above the state (21.2) and national (19.4) composite scores: Alpharetta HS, Cambridge HS, Chattahoochee HS, Innovation Academy, Johns Creek HS, Milton HS, Northview HS, Riverwood International Charter HS, and Roswell HS. Innovation Academy’s average composite score of 27.1 is the highest in FCS. This score is 7.7 points higher than the national composite score of 19.4 and 5.9 points higher than the state average score of 21.2.