

How the region's high schools fared on the SAT

The high school Class of 2006 was the first to take the revised SAT college entrance exam. The test included a new writing section as well as revamped math and critical reading (previously called verbal) sections. Each section is worth 200 to 800

points, making a possible top combined score of 2400. This chart gives a school-by-school view of the average scores of the high school Class of 2006. Numbers have been rounded. The number of students taking the test at each school varies widely.

School	Math	Critical reading	Writing	Combined scores
ALLEGHENY COUNTY				
Aquinas Academy (Catholic)	622	658	668	1948
Hillel Academy	610	650	620	1880
Eden Christian Academy	600	590	600	1790
Mt. Lebanon	590	578	573	1741
Vincentian Academy (Catholic)	580	572	585	1737
Upper St. Clair	589	561	575	1724
Trinity Christian [estimated]	N/A	N/A	N/A	1700
Oakland School	557	582	558	1697
North Allegheny	571	559	546	1676
Fox Chapel Area	560	552	557	1669
St. Joseph (Catholic)	550	560	550	1660
Central Catholic	555	554	532	1641
Hampton	556	543	542	1641
Quaker Valley	556	539	543	1638
Allderdice (Pittsburgh)	559	545	528	1632
Oakland Catholic	520	538	560	1618
Bishop Canevin (Catholic)	542	534	529	1605
Wilson Christian Academy	516	529	555	1600
Pine-Richland	550	524	515	1589
Avonworth	524	541	523	1588
Moon Area	535	524	519	1578
North Hills	530	524	518	1572
North Catholic	523	523	522	1568
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (Catholic)	513	527	516	1556
Serra Catholic	535	520	500	1555
Bethel Park	535	511	506	1552
Seton-La Salle Catholic	530	503	512	1545
Thomas Jefferson (W. Jefferson Hills)	527	508	509	1544
Gateway	524	508	502	1534
City Charter High School	502	523	503	1528
South Fayette	526	499	497	1523
Chartiers Valley	521	493	496	1509
Springdale (Allegheny Valley)	530	500	478	1507
South Park	511	494	490	1495
Deer Lakes	510	499	484	1494
Highlands	523	496	468	1487
Riverview	506	506	475	1486
Carlynton	513	487	484	1483
Montour	500	496	485	1481
Shaler Area	500	489	489	1479
Pittsburgh High School for the Creative and Performing Arts	478	496	496	1470
Mount Alvernia (Catholic)	450	520	490	1460
Baldwin (Baldwin-Whitehall)	510	481	468	1459
Keystone Oaks	499	484	473	1457
Brentwood	489	482	479	1451
Plum	491	484	472	1446
West Allegheny	490	477	479	1446
Elizabeth Forward	478	485	480	1444
South Allegheny	484	481	467	1432
Schenley (Pittsburgh)	478	484	465	1427
Northgate	481	470	451	1401
Brashear (Pittsburgh)	481	460	450	1391
Cornell	447	478	464	1389
West Mifflin Aera	461	461	451	1372
Woodland Hills	452	473	447	1371
Penn Hills	457	463	445	1365
McKeesport Area	449	464	433	1345
Carrick (Pittsburgh)	464	442	438	1343
East Allegheny	456	454	433	1342
Langley (Pittsburgh)	460	434	423	1316
Steel Valley	460	435	414	1309
Sto-Rox	423	428	405	1256
Perry Traditional (Pittsburgh)	429	424	401	1254
Career Connections Charter School	395	395	401	1190
Clairton	393	404	383	1180
Oliver (Pittsburgh)	395	404	378	1176
Peabody (Pittsburgh)	389	378	365	1132
Westinghouse (Pittsburgh)	367	382	367	1116
Wilksburg	394	374	325	1094
Northside Urban Pathways Charter	349	365	347	1062
Duquesne	303	332	244	879
ARMSTRONG COUNTY				
Freeport Area	510	526	497	1533
Kittanning (Armstrong)	505	492	482	1479
Leechburg Area	491	487	486	1464
Apollo-Ridge	501	489	469	1459
Ford City (Armstrong)	481	486	487	1454
West Shamokin (Armstrong)	500	480	474	1453
Elderton (Armstrong)	470	472	469	1411
Lenape Tech	412	428	409	1250
BEAVER COUNTY				
Beaver County Christian	570	566	548	1684
Beaver Area	523	522	505	1550
Quigley Catholic	487	527	536	1550
Blackhawk	521	507	488	1516
South Side Area	506	505	485	1497
Riverside (Riverside Beaver)	509	494	481	1483
Ambridge Area	505	484	485	1474

School	Math	Critical reading	Writing	Combined scores
Center Area	503	488	482	1473
Hopewell Area	495	490	479	1464
Freedom Area	498	494	465	1457
New Brighton Area	499	473	476	1448
Western Beaver County	497	488	457	1442
Rochester Area	443	448	450	1341
Monaca	421	444	436	1300
Beaver Falls (Big Beaver Falls Area)	424	432	431	1287
Aliquippa	394	382	363	1138
BUTLER COUNTY				
Portersville Christian	543	536	519	1598
Seneca Valley	515	511	507	1533
Mars Area	523	503	506	1532
Butler Area	523	506	494	1523
Slippery Rock Area	490	511	487	1487
Knoch (South Butler County)	503	496	475	1473
Moniteau	503	493	465	1461
Karns City Area	491	472	459	1422
FAYETTE COUNTY				
Frazier	513	511	509	1533
Geibel Catholic	505	513	511	1529
Laurel Highlands	509	498	469	1475
Uniontown Area	478	483	443	1404
Connellsville Area	464	470	456	1390
Albert Gallatin Area	461	456	467	1385
Brownsville Area	460	444	431	1334
GREENE COUNTY				
West Greene	517	496	488	1501
Waynesburg Central (Central Greene)	522	490	460	1472
Jefferson-Morgan	468	489	472	1429
Carmichaels Area	444	445	439	1327
Mapletown (Southeastern Greene)	444	460	416	1320
WASHINGTON COUNTY				
Peters Township	546	531	527	1604
Trinity Area	504	499	482	1485
Canon-McMillan	499	499	486	1483
Ringgold	480	486	477	1442
Chartiers-Houston	493	480	467	1440
McGuffey	491	485	455	1432
Burgettstown Area	475	484	467	1427
Washington	451	487	472	1410
Bentworth	477	481	451	1409
California Area	459	476	469	1404
Charleroi Area	465	464	454	1383
Avella Area	445	483	451	1380
Fort Cherry	461	468	445	1374
Bethlehem-Center	438	447	434	1320
WESTMORELAND COUNTY				
Franklin Regional	565	550	536	1651
Greensburg Central Catholic	530	545	535	1610
Greater Latrobe	538	517	514	1569
Hempfield Area	531	515	507	1553
Ligonier Valley (Ligonier Valley)	535	511	504	1549
Greensburg Salem	542	501	484	1526
Norwin	514	512	498	1524
Kiski Area	514	502	499	1515
Southmoreland	516	493	498	1507
Penn-Trafford	518	504	484	1505
Belle Vernon Area	500	498	495	1493
Yough	503	490	493	1486
Burrell	481	492	487	1460
Mount Pleasant Area	491	481	476	1449
Laurel Valley (Ligonier Valley)	505	476	442	1423
Valley (New Kensington-Arnold)	461	473	460	1394
Derry Area	483	458	439	1380
Monessen	465	457	414	1336
Jeannette	450	446	437	1332
CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS				
Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School	501	552	520	1573
21st Century Cyber Charter School	509	516	512	1538
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS				
The four independent schools in Allegheny County and Kiski School in Westmoreland County refused to release their SAT scores. Numbers on the chart are drawn from their Web sites. Scores are not available on the Kiski Web site.				
The Ellis School ¹	N/A	N/A	N/A	1918
Sewickley Academy ²	600 to 710	580 to 700	600 to 700	1780 to 2110
Shady Side Academy ³	600 to 720	580 to 680	570 to 680	1750 to 2080
Winchester Thurston ⁴	612	608	N/A	N/A
NATIONAL AVERAGE				
	518	503	497	1518
PENNSYLVANIA AVERAGE				
	500	493	483	1476
¹ Ellis lists its average score as 400 points above the national average on the 2400 scale.				
² Sewickley Academy figures are for the middle 50% for the Classes of 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 except for writing, which is for 2006 only. Critical reading includes old verbal test.				
³ Shady Side Academy figures are for Class of 2007 and are for "median range."				
⁴ Winchester Thurston figures are for Class of 2005, verbal and math. Writing was not given that year.				