

GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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2011 SAT AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

(Greenwich, CT: For Immediate Release, Thursday, January 5, 2012) The State Department of Education and College Board have released the 2011 SAT and Advanced Placement scores for Connecticut High Schools. Greenwich High School students scored in the top third of the high schools in the State's District Reference Groups (DRG)* with which the District is most frequently compared – DRGs A and B - on the 2011 SAT and in the 2011 Advanced Placement Challenge Index.**

Greenwich High School ranked 7th in the combined SAT scores for Reading, Mathematics, and Writing among the 26 Districts in DRGs A and B at 1730, up from 10th in 2010 with a combined score of 1701. 2011 SAT Reading, Mathematics, and Writing scores all reflect an increase over the 2010 scores, with Writing at a six-year high at 579. Participation rates also increased over 2010 with 86% of seniors taking the SAT exam in 2011.

Greenwich High School also ranked 7th in the Advanced Placement (AP) Challenge Index - the number of AP exams administered divided by the number of graduating seniors - at 2.071 among the 26 DRG A and B Districts, up from 9th the year before at 1.848. In 2011, 1,493 students enrolled in AP courses and 1,344 exams were administered, the highest number in at least ten years.

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**District Reference Groups* (DRG) were developed by the State Department of Education to enable educators to fairly compare groups of districts with similar characteristics. The state's 166 local school districts and three academies have been divided into nine groups based on socioeconomic status and indicators of need.

DRG A: Darien, New Canaan, Redding, Ridgefield, Weston, Westport, and Wilton

DRG B: Avon, Brookfield, Cheshire, Fairfield, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby, Greenwich, Guilford, Madison, Monroe, New Fairfield, Newtown, Regional District #5, Regional District #15, Simsbury, South Windsor, Trumbull, and West Hartford

** The *Challenge Index*, is the number of Advanced Placement exams taken in a given year divided by the number of graduating seniors – as defined by The Washington Post's Jay Matthews. The Post states on its web site, "While not a measure of the overall quality of the school, the rating can reveal the level of a high school's commitment to preparing average students for college."

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SAT and Advanced Placement Exams DRG A and B 2010 - 2011 School Year

DRG DISTRICT	Gr 12	SAT N	% Gr 12	Reading	Math	Writing	M+R	M+R+W	AP N	Exams	Index	AP 3+	AP% 3+
B Avon	257	232	90.3%	568	591	563	1159	1722	238	452	1.759	427	94.5%
B Brookfield	256	228	89.1%	530	535	530	1065	1595	161	290	1.133	239	82.4%
B Cheshire	366	329	89.9%	545	553	539	1098	1637	225	336	0.918	306	91.1%
A <i>Darien</i>	319	309	96.9%	589	617	604	1206	1810	290	568	1.781	537	94.5%
B <i>Fairfield</i>	660	551	83.5%	543	559	560	1102	1662	527	1067	1.617	946	88.7%
B Farmington	335	312	93.1%	547	551	558	1098	1656	385	873	2.606	672	77.0%
B Glastonbury	554	492	88.8%	559	580	556	1139	1695	494	724	1.307	621	85.8%
B Granby	194	178	91.8%	546	546	537	1092	1629	182	321	1.655	243	75.7%
B <i>Greenwich</i>	649	558	86.0%	566	585	579	1151	1730	604	1344	2.071	1152	85.7%
B Guilford	262	247	94.3%	546	552	552	1098	1650	194	370	1.412	287	77.6%
B Madison	306	294	96.1%	573	587	582	1160	1742	170	246	0.804	208	84.6%
B Monroe	374	336	89.8%	527	535	537	1062	1599	222	366	0.979	308	84.2%
A <i>New Canaan</i>	313	291	93.0%	589	608	597	1197	1794	276	551	1.760	512	92.9%
B New Fairfield	227	202	89.0%	520	522	523	1042	1565	231	428	1.885	230	53.7%
B Newtown	438	373	85.2%	534	541	541	1075	1616	334	630	1.438	536	85.1%
B Regional District #5	408	353	86.5%	544	546	556	1090	1646	251	453	1.110	410	90.5%
A Regional District #9	222	187	84.2%	547	555	563	1102	1665	190	329	1.482	285	86.6%
B Regional District #15	349	336	96.3%	537	547	547	1084	1631	218	407	1.166	369	90.7%
A Ridgefield	431	405	94.0%	570	580	580	1150	1730	430	942	2.186	872	92.6%
B Simsbury	361	323	89.5%	559	572	570	1131	1701	450	878	2.432	694	79.0%
B South Windsor	400	346	86.5%	529	544	527	1073	1600	243	408	1.020	346	84.8%
B Trumbull	510	448	87.8%	532	545	539	1077	1616	212	416	0.816	373	89.7%
B West Hartford	795	674	84.8%	544	544	544	1088	1632	1003	1955	2.459	1397	71.5%
A <i>Weston</i>	192	166	86.5%	575	598	594	1173	1767	215	467	2.432	423	90.6%
A <i>Westport</i>	469	406	86.6%	581	599	595	1180	1775	476	977	2.083	886	90.7%
A <i>Wilton</i>	316	295	93.4%	598	597	610	1195	1805	305	648	2.051	572	88.3%
DRG A	2262	2059	91.0%	580	595	593	1175	1768	2182	4482	1.981	4087	91.2%
<i>SW Connecticut</i>	3571	3168	88.7%	571	587	585	1158	1743	3313	6893	1.930	6185	89.7%
DRG A + DRG B	9963	8871	89.0%	553	565	561	1118	1679	8526	16446	1.651	13851	84.2%
DRG B	7701	6812	88.5%	545	556	551	1101	1652	6344	11964	1.554	9764	81.6%
Greenwich	649	558	86.0%	566	585	579	1151	1730	604	1344	2.071	1152	85.7%

Source: College Board and Connecticut State Department of Education

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DRG DISTRICT	Gr 12	SAT N	% Gr 12	Reading	Math	Writing	M+R	M+R+W	AP N	Exams	Index	AP 3+	AP% 3+
B Avon	281	240	85.4%	562	590	565	1152	1717	246	480	1.708	427	89.0%
B Brookfield	273	224	82.1%	534	546	535	1080	1615	155	278	1.018	227	81.7%
B Cheshire	405	345	85.2%	541	559	536	1100	1636	224	330	0.815	293	88.8%
A Darien	278	261	93.9%	573	611	596	1184	1780	273	531	1.910	484	91.1%
B Fairfield	698	589	84.4%	550	558	562	1108	1670	542	1139	1.632	1000	87.8%
B Farmington	347	289	83.3%	539	558	546	1097	1643	402	922	2.657	683	74.1%
B Glastonbury	480	400	83.3%	549	585	557	1134	1691	409	595	1.240	519	87.2%
B Granby	179	151	84.4%	551	559	541	1110	1651	150	257	1.436	211	82.1%
B Greenwich	696	552	79.3%	556	578	567	1134	1701	574	1286	1.848	1074	83.5%
B Guilford	287	252	87.8%	548	553	553	1101	1654	200	421	1.467	310	73.6%
B Madison	288	250	86.8%	554	577	566	1131	1697	169	238	0.826	199	83.6%
B Monroe	303	251	82.8%	518	517	519	1035	1554	264	406	1.340	297	73.2%
A New Canaan	293	268	91.5%	585	610	601	1195	1796	275	494	1.686	449	90.9%
B New Fairfield	261	201	77.0%	534	534	531	1068	1599	211	335	1.284	188	56.1%
B Newtown	431	334	77.5%	539	553	543	1092	1635	332	601	1.394	487	81.0%
B Regional District #15	322	284	88.2%	552	552	556	1104	1660	230	401	1.245	344	85.8%
B Regional District #5	410	353	86.1%	558	555	570	1113	1683	248	468	1.141	418	89.3%
A Regional District #9	246	216	87.8%	571	561	580	1132	1712	195	297	1.207	225	75.8%
A Ridgefield	439	385	87.7%	569	585	580	1154	1734	452	989	2.253	930	94.0%
B Simsbury	412	370	89.8%	575	574	580	1149	1729	465	945	2.294	759	80.3%
B South Windsor	376	314	83.5%	519	548	521	1067	1588	143	218	0.580	191	87.6%
B Trumbull	565	445	78.8%	521	543	533	1064	1597	188	343	0.607	311	90.7%
B West Hartford	776	624	80.4%	539	533	539	1072	1611	903	1714	2.209	1282	74.8%
A Weston	206	165	80.1%	587	596	610	1183	1793	213	481	2.335	433	90.0%
A Westport	410	345	84.1%	584	597	596	1181	1777	448	937	2.285	830	88.6%
A Wilton	323	280	86.7%	575	600	593	1175	1768	327	689	2.133	586	85.1%
DRG A	2195	1920	87.5%	577	595	592	1172	1764	2183	4418	2.013	3937	89.1%
SW Connecticut	3589	3061	85.3%	568	585	582	1153	1735	3299	6843	1.907	6011	87.8%
DRG B	7790	6468	83.0%	545	557	550	1101	1651	6055	11377	1.460	9220	81.0%
Greenwich	696	552	79.3%	556	578	567	1134	1701	574	1286	1.848	1074	83.5%

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