



**Metro Atlanta
Public School Rankings
Academic Year 2001/2002**

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EXPLANATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL RANKINGS

Elementary and Middle Schools:

The Stanford-9 Norm-referenced tests were discontinued after the 2000-2001 Georgia Department of Education Report Card. In the 2001/2002 academic year the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCTs) were expanded to cover all grades 1 through 8. In addition, two more test areas (Science and Social Studies) were added to the test battery for grades 3 through 8. Average grade scores are no longer shown on the report cards. Instead, the percentage of students either not meeting, meeting or exceeding the standard score is disclosed. Subject areas tested are: Reading, Language Arts, Math for all grades 1-8 and, additionally, Science and Social Studies for grades 3-8.

There is a correlation between the percentage of students exceeding the standard and the average test score. Thus, we have averaged the % of students exceeding the standard in each subject area by grade to arrive at a grade level average (e.g. 4th grade). Then we have taken the average for each grade and arrived at an overall average for the school.

NO OTHER CRITERIA WERE USED TO RANK SCHOOLS. ONLY THE % OF STUDENTS EXCEEDING THE STANDARD WAS USED.

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High Schools:

The highest SAT score was used as the ranking criteria. **NO OTHER CRITERIA WERE USED TO RANK THE SCHOOLS.**

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School Systems:

There are 17 Metro school systems (13 county and 4 city systems). For the rankings by county report, we placed the city school systems in their respective counties for comparative purposes (Atlanta City Schools appear separately, however):

Buford City – Gwinnett
Decatur City – Dekalb
Marietta City - Cobb

Source:

Test scores and other data come from the Georgia Department of Education.