



# Columbia Public Schools

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### 2010 SAT Scores Remain Above Average

**Columbia, MO --** Columbia Public Schools college-bound students continue to achieve SAT scores above the state and above the total group of students who took the test on all three areas of the exam.

Columbia students' average score on the critical reading section was 621, compared to 593 for Missouri test-takers and 501 for the entire group of test-takers. Columbia students scored an average of 634 on the mathematics section, compared to Missouri's average of 595 and the entire group's average of 516. Columbia students scored an average of 605 on the writing section, while Missouri's average was 580 and the entire group's average was 492.

Eighty-six, or six percent, of the school district's 2010 graduating seniors took the SAT exam. In Missouri, 1330 students, or two percent, in the class of 2010 participated in SAT testing, compared to 1.55 million in the total group.

More than eighty-two percent of Columbia's class of 2010 SAT test-takers took four or more years of English/language arts coursework during their secondary school careers. Eighty percent of these students took four or more years of mathematics coursework prior to graduation, while eighty-seven percent took three or more years of natural science coursework.

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