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**District SAT scores top state, national average**

LEXINGTON, S.C. — Lexington County School District One continues to outpace national and state averages on the SAT with a combined average score of 1051, according to scores released this week by the South Carolina Department of Education. The district’s combined average score of 1051 ranks us 7th highest in the state among all districts, including charter schools and the Governor’s schools.

Lexington District One had 1,111 student test-takers in 2020; a slight decrease from 2019 when 1,139 students took the assessment. The decrease likely resulted from COVID-19 interrupting testing dates in the spring.

The nation and state saw a slight dip in total average SAT scores, as did Lexington District One. In 2019, the combined average score in our district was 1067, 16 points higher than this year.

The College Board assessment includes evidence-based reading and writing as well as mathematics. The latest SAT results come from seniors who graduated in 2020.

| <b>2020 Average SAT scores</b> |                               |                |        |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------|
|                                | <b>Lexington District One</b> | South Carolina | Nation |
| ERW                            | <b>536</b>                    | 519            | 520    |
| Math                           | <b>516</b>                    | 499            | 510    |
| Total Score                    | <b>1051</b>                   | 1019           | 1030   |

| <b>Average SAT scores (by high school)</b> |              |                |             |                  |                  |
|--|--------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | Gilbert High | Lexington High | Pelion High | River Bluff High | White Knoll High |
| ERW  | 507          | 555            | 494         | 555              | 511              |
| Math                                       | 488          | 540            | 464         | 533              | 487              |
| Total Score                                | 994          | 1096           | 957         | 1087             | 998              |