

Eleven local students earn perfect scores on SAT or ACT in 2018-19 academic year

A total of eleven Alachua County Public School students earned perfect scores on either the SAT or ACT college entrance exams during the 2018-19 academic year.



Only about two-tenths of 1 percent of the students who take the ACT earn the top score of 36. In the U.S., that translates to about 3700 students out of more than 1.9 million who take the exam. On the SAT, fewer than 1% of the 2.1 million students who take the test earn a perfect 1600.

“We’re very proud that so many of our students are among the top academic performers in the nation,” said Superintendent Karen Clarke. “It’s a tribute to the students and to their teachers and families.”

The ACT exam covers English, mathematics, reading and science, and each portion of the exam is scored on a 1-36 point scale. The SAT is made up of two sections, including reading and math. The scoring scale runs between 200 and 800 for each section. To earn a perfect score, a student must earn an 800 on both sections of the exam.

As a group local students also outperform their peers on the exams. In 2018 the average SAT score for Alachua County Public School students was 1187, far above state and national averages. During that same year, the average ACPS student earned a composite score of 21.3 on the ACT and topped Florida’s averages in all subjects on the test.

Those students earning perfect scores on the ACT during the 2018-19 school year include Javier Fernandez-Ambite, Griffin Golde, Thomas Lancer, Natalie Oyenarte, Sterling Reed, Baleigh Sweeney, and Tyler Wycoff of Gainesville High School and Amy Cohen, Jaiwei Ma and Yared Tadesse of Buchholz High School. Alexander Duffaut of Gainesville High School earned a perfect 1600 on the SAT.

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