

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

November 5, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: SAT Testing Update (09-22-20-02-A, -1, -2)

During the *Opening Schools in Recovery of Education–Update* discussion, Board members requested the following information:

Question A

Ms. Dixon requested the following:

1. Information concerning the number of students registered to take the SAT test at this time of year compared to previous years. Has staff observed a change in the number of registrations in light of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Response

Based on test-taker information provided by the College Board:

- On September 26, 2020, 1,088 Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) students took the SAT at 12 test centers in MCPS. Note that the September administration was a special test date offered by the College Board as a result of previous cancellations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On October 3, 2020, 1,647 MCPS students took the SAT at 14 test centers in MCPS schools.

By means of comparison, in October 2019, 409 MCPS students took the SAT in MCPS test centers.

The significant increase of SAT test takers in September and October 2020 is attributed to the SAT cancellations that occurred in March, April, May, June, and August 2020.

2. Demographic information of the 3,000 students registered to take the SAT test on Saturday, September 26, 2020. (The numbers of LatinX and African American students taking the test is of particular import.) Please take note of the MCPS students taking the test as opposed to the non-MCPS students who have registered at MCPS test sites.

Response

According to test-taker information provided by the College Board, demographic information of the MCPS test takers is included in the following charts.

**MCPS SAT Test Takers September 26, 2020
(Preliminary, reported by College Board)**

Race/Ethnicity	Test Takers	% of Test Takers
All	1088	100%
White	382	35%
Asian	341	31%
Black or African American	139	13%
Hispanic/Latino	113	10%
Two or More Races	65	6%
No Response	47	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	<1%

Note: According to the College Board, there were approximately 371 additional test takers who are not current MCPS students. College Board National Administrations are open to any registrant, including nonpublic school students and students from other jurisdictions.

**MCPS SAT Test Takers October 3, 2020
(Preliminary, reported by College Board)**

Race/Ethnicity	Test Takers	% of Test Takers
All	1647	100%
White	549	33%
Asian	489	30%
Black/African American	278	17%
Hispanic/Latino	179	11%
Two or More Races	98	6%
No Response	49	3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	3	<1%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	2	<1%

Note: According to the College Board, there were 399 additional test takers who are not current MCPS students. College Board National Administrations are open to any registrant, including nonpublic school students and students from other jurisdictions.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Janet S. Wilson, chief of teaching, learning, and schools, via e-mail.

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