



Liberty Common High School  
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### **LIBERTY COMMON HIGH SCHOOL BREAKS SAT RECORD, #1 IN STATE**

FORT COLLINS, COLORADO— The Colorado Department of Education recently released the [2018 state-wide SAT results](#), which reveal that the senior class at Liberty Common High School, a charter-public high school in the Poudre School District, broke the all-time state SAT record with its number-one ranked total mean score of 1322. The previous state record was 1307, a score achieved by charter-public school D’Evelyn High School in 2017.

The SAT is designed to gauge college readiness; it is administered to all eleventh-grade students in the more than 540 public-high schools in Colorado.

Liberty Common School Headmaster Bob Schaffer said, “These scores are a reflection of a solid classical, college-preparatory curriculum we’ve built atop the powerful Core Knowledge Curriculum we use in grades K through eight. Liberty Common students worked hard for these results; they belong to them. The school provides a conducive environment, and extraordinary college-level instructors, but the students furnish the most essential element in achieving this milestone – scholarly effort.”

According to Liberty Common High School Principal, Torgun Lovely, the record-breaking SAT scores demonstrate the value of Liberty’s character education program. “The character of these scholars cannot be overlooked. One hundred percent of the class of 2019 sat for the SAT exam, and no compulsory test preparation was required. As a cohort, they were only told to do their very best, and they all knew that meant bringing honor upon themselves and their school by performing at the height of their abilities. To me, this represents a remarkable display of character, in addition to scholarly achievement.”

Dr. Robert Robinson, LCHS Assistant Principal of Academics added, “We are so impressed with what these students accomplished, and we attribute their success to their own hard work, the

rigorous instruction they receive from true content experts, and the partnership between home and school that is fostered at a parent-led institution."

The new state record also reflects the commitment of Liberty Common's elementary school in delivering a solid academic foundation via the Core Knowledge curriculum. LCS elementary principal Casey Churchill said, "Teachers work together, discussing the best ways to align the rich content of the Core Knowledge curriculum throughout the K-12 progression. The dedication of the entire Liberty faculty to expertly teach the content and required skills at each grade level is extraordinary. By the time our students reach Liberty Common High School, they are literate and have knowledge to achieve," Churchill added.

Patrick Albright, chairman of Liberty Common School's parent-led board of directors, credits the remarkable SAT mean score to the quality of the curriculum and the work ethic of the students and faculty, and he also points out that parental support plays a key role at Liberty. "Liberty emphasizes content in science, math, engineering, economics, literature, foreign language, history, and character education," Albright said. "Our teachers are treated as the professionals they are. Our parents provide an incredible amount of support. It is no surprise that our students achieve these results with the effort they put in, and we could not be prouder of them," Albright added.

Liberty Common High School is a tuition-free, college-preparatory, charter-public school. Children of all Colorado residents are eligible to attend. The school offers a classical liberal-arts curriculum.

The school emphasizes high-level instruction in math, science and engineering. Liberty's Latin and economics programs begin in kindergarten and continue through high school.

"Our students and their families deserve the most credit for these record-breaking scores," Schaffer said. "Liberty's instructional staff, from kindergarten through high school, is comprised of brilliant content experts and highly skilled educators who do whatever it takes to boost achievement for each and every Liberty student," added Schaffer.

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*Liberty Common School is a publicly-funded K-12 charter school located in Fort Collins, Colorado. LCS educates approximately 1,100 students in grades K-12 from across Northern Colorado.*

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Colorado Department of Education SAT data link:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/cosatdataandresults>

**COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TABLE RELEASED AUGUST 16,  
2018: SCHOOLS WITH HIGHEST MEAN SCORES ON THE 2018 COLORADO SAT**

School Name	Total Students	Valid Scores	Evidence-based Reading and Writing Mean Score	Mathematics Mean Score	Total Mean Score	Participation Percent
LIBERTY COMMON CHARTER SCHOOL	78	78	659	663	1322	100.0
D'EVELYN JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	139	135	645	652	1297	97.1
STARGATE CHARTER SCHOOL	71	68	637	618	1255	95.8
PEAK TO PEAK CHARTER SCHOOL	153	152	631	618	1249	99.3
THE VANGUARD SCHOOL (HIGH)	73	72	628	615	1243	98.6
THOMAS MACLAREN STATE CHARTER SCHOOL	44	43	633	610	1243	97.7
VAIL SKI AND SNOWBOARD ACADEMY (VSSA)	18	16	642	597	1239	88.9
STEM SCHOOL HIGHLANDS RANCH	131	125	622	610	1232	95.4
FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL	539	444	611	612	1222	82.4
GOLDEN VIEW CLASSICAL ACADEMY	23	23	626	594	1220	100.0
CHERRY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL	876	765	599	611	1210	87.3
DENVER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS	153	151	617	583	1200	98.7
EVERGREEN HIGH SCHOOL	249	231	605	594	1200	92.8
RIDGEVIEW CLASSICAL CHARTER SCHOOLS	36	35	629	571	1200	97.2
COLORADO EARLY COLLEGES - PARKER	144	129	598	579	1177	89.6
FOSSIL RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL	499	466	586	586	1172	93.4
TCA COLLEGE PATHWAYS	92	74	600	570	1169	80.4
CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL	312	304	582	585	1167	97.4
THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL	161	159	593	575	1167	98.8
JEFFERSON ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL	112	111	594	574	1167	99.1

Note:  
SAT Participation is preliminary.  
Final SAT participation percent may be higher.