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15 DeKalb County Schools Recognized as 2023 Advanced Placement Honor Schools by the Georgia Department of Education

(STONE MOUNTAIN, GA)- Fifteen DeKalb County School District (*DCSD*) high schools were named 2023 Advanced Placement (*AP*) Honor Schools. State School Superintendent Richard Woods announced these distinctions on February 16.

The 2023 AP Honor Schools are named in eight categories based on the results of 2022 AP courses and exams. A list of categories is below, and a complete list of schools in each category is linked in the description.

“The recent acknowledgment by Superintendent Woods of the 2023 AP Honor Schools is an example of the commitment of the DeKalb County School District to provide our students with academically rigorous courses in high school,” said Interim Superintendent Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley. “The recognition of our schools across the district represents equity and access to Advanced Placement courses for all our students. We are increasing access for our students to take AP courses as it will afford them the opportunity to take college credit-earning courses while still in high school.”

“The number of AP Honor Schools increased by more than 14%, which serves as a testament to our commitment to expand opportunities for Georgia students, including in advanced and accelerated coursework,” said Superintendent Woods. “I sincerely congratulate each of this year’s AP Honor Schools on their achievement. Additionally, I thank each teacher, student, and school- and district-level administrator for their diligent work creating strong AP opportunities in these 273 Georgia schools.”

The Georgia Department of Education began recognizing AP Honor Schools in 2008. AP exams are administered by the College Board, which also administers the SAT. AP courses are one of several ways Georgia students can access college-level learning at the high school level; students who receive a 3, 4, or 5 on an AP exam may receive college credit.

“The recent recognition of our high schools sends a clear message that we are committed to our district strategic plan and putting our students first and providing a viable learning experience that prepares them for post-secondary learning,” said Dr. Tinsley.

AP Access and Support Schools

Schools with at least 30% of AP exams taken by students who identified as African American and/or Hispanic, and 30% of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

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Cross Keys High School, DeKalb Early College Academy, DeKalb School of the Arts, Druid Hills High School, Tapestry Public Charter School, and Tucker High School

AP Challenge Schools

Schools with enrollments of 900 or fewer students and students testing in English, math, science, and social studies.

DeKalb School of the Arts

AP Expansion Schools

AP schools with 25% growth in AP student participation from May 2021 to May 2022 and a minimum of 25 students testing in May 2020.

Cedar Grove High School, Clarkston High School, Lithonia High School, Redan High School, and Southwest DeKalb High School

AP Humanities Schools

Schools with a minimum of five students testing in each of the following AP categories: one ELA course, two history/social science courses, one fine arts course, and one world language course.

Chamblee High School, Dunwoody High School, Lakeside High School, and Southwest DeKalb High School

AP Humanities Achievement Schools

AP Humanities schools (see above definition) with at least 50% of all AP Humanities exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

Chamblee High School, Dunwoody High School, and Lakeside High School

AP Schools of Distinction

Schools with at least 20% of the total student population taking AP exams and at least 50% of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

Chamblee High School, DeKalb School of the Arts, Dunwoody High School, and Lakeside High School

AP STEM Schools

Schools with a minimum of five students testing in at least four AP STEM courses. (AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2, AP Physics C, AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles)

Arabia Mountain High School, Cedar Grove High School, Chamblee High School, Clarkston High School, Druid Hills High School, Dunwoody High School, Lakeside High School, Southwest DeKalb High School, and Tucker High School

AP STEM Achievement Schools

AP STEM schools with at least 50% of all AP STEM exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

Chamblee High School, Dunwoody High School, and Lakeside High School

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