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Arlington Public Schools named to AP District Honor Roll for the first time

ARLINGTON- Arlington Public Schools (APS) has been named to the AP District Honor Roll for the first time. To be included on the honor roll, APS had to, since 2015, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that APS is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.

Inclusion on the AP District Honor Roll is based on three years of AP data, from 2015-17, for the following criteria:

- Increased participation/access to AP by at least 6 percent;
- Increased or maintained percentage of minority students taking exams and increased or maintained the percentage of minority students scoring 3+ on at least one AP Exam; and
- Improved performance levels when comparing the percentage of students in 2017 scoring a 3 or higher than those in 2015, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70% of its AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.

“From 2015-2017, APS increased the number of students taking AP exams by 17 percent,” said APS Superintendent Chrys Sweeting. “We are proud to offer rigorous courses to our students so they’re prepared for college, career and beyond.”

APS is one of 447 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the honor roll. Advanced Placement (AP) is a program in the United States and Canada created by the College Board which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students.