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All Five High Schools Named Advanced Placement Honor Schools Again



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – All five local high schools have been named 2020 Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Schools by State School Superintendent Richard Woods. Supt. Woods announced 255 AP Honor Schools in eight categories on Feb. 6, 2020, based on the results of the 2019 AP courses and exams. Houston County’s schools are recognized in three categories, as follows.

AP Access and Support Schools ~ 2 of 78 in the state

Schools with at least 30% of all AP exams taken by students who identified themselves as African-American and/or Hispanic and 30% of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher. Northside High and Warner Robins High are once again 2020 Access and Support Schools.

AP STEM Schools ~ 5 of 183 in the state

This is the sixth consecutive year all five high schools have earned AP STEM School status. Schools with 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). All five of Houston County’s high schools are 2020 AP STEM Schools ~ Houston County High, Northside High, Perry High, Veterans High and Warner Robins High.

AP STEM Achievement Schools ~ 5 of 94 in the state

AP STEM schools (named above) with at least 50% of all AP STEM exams earning scores of three or higher. AP STEM Achievement Schools for 2020 are Houston County High, Northside High, Perry High, Veterans High and Warner Robins High.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Scott said, “Congratulations to all five of our high schools! We are very proud of our students, teachers, and schools for this prestigious recognition. AP is the most rigorous academic opportunity available, and these classes allow many of our students to earn college credit while still in high school. Our students are to be commended for their hard work, as are their parents and teachers who support and encourage them to do their absolute best.”

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In Houston County, the graduation rate for students who complete at least one AP course is 99.4 percent. AP classes and exams are administered by the College Board, which also administers the SAT. The AP courses are one of several ways Georgia students can access college-level learning while in high school. Students who score a 3, 4, or 5 on AP exams are often eligible to receive college credit.

Georgia Superintendent Woods said, "I commend the students, teachers, and staff of these 255 schools. Behind this recognition is an enormous amount of hard work, and I congratulate all those who worked to expand access, improve performance, and build strong Advanced Placement programs in each school recognized today."

According to the GaDOE, Georgia's public-school Class of 2019 has the 17th-highest AP pass rate in the nation, according to data released by the College Board on Feb. 6, 2020. For more information about Houston County's AP Program, please contact the Director of Gifted Education and AP Coordinator, Jan Jacobsen, at 478-988-6800, ext. 10393, or Jan.Jacobsen@hcbe.net.

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