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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 2021 Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Schools by State School Superintendent Richard Woods. Supt. Woods announced AP Honor Schools in eight categories on Feb. 24, 2021, based on the results of the 2020 AP courses and exams. Houston County’s high schools are recognized in three categories, as follows.

AP Access and Support Schools ~ 2 of 84 in the state ~ Northside High and Warner Robins High 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 qualify.

AP STEM Schools ~ 5 of 175 in the state ~ Houston County High, Northside High, Perry High, Veterans High and Warner Robins High
This is the seventh consecutive year all five high schools have earned AP STEM School status. AP STEM Schools have 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).

AP STEM Achievement Schools ~3 of 100 in the state ~ Houston County High, Perry High and Veterans High
AP STEM Achievement Schools have at least 50% of all AP STEM exams earning scores of three or higher.

“Congratulations to all five of our high schools,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Scott. “We are especially proud that this is the seventh consecutive year our schools have earned this prestigious recognition. Our AP students take the most rigorous classes available, and I commend them on their hard work and goal to earn college credit while still in high school.”

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The 2020 graduation rate for Houston County's students who completed at least one AP course was 100 percent. All five high schools have been recognized as AP STEM Schools since 2015.

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.

Superintendent Woods said "I'm so proud of the class of 2020 for their continued accomplishments, and extremely pleased to see that Georgia's students maintained their strong performance on AP exams even given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in their final year."

According to the GaDOE, Georgia's public-school Class of 2020 has the 17th-highest AP pass rate in the nation, based on data released by the College Board on Feb. 24, 2021.

AP exams are graded on a 5-point scale, with 5 being the highest for "extremely well qualified" results. Houston County's students who earned a 5 on an AP exam in 2020 are highlighted on the district's website. Across all five high schools, 152 students earned at least one 5 on an AP exam. These students earned the highest score possible on a total of 196 exams. Visit the [Teaching and Learning Gifted and Talented Education webpage](#) to view an "AP 5" booklet and slides.

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