

AP Exam Data

School Year	Total Students	Exams Taken	*10 th	*11 th	*12 th	**Grads
2005-06	179	256	3.5%	10.4%	8.4%	17.2%
2006-07	195	336	5.2%	14.1%	11.9%	16.2%
2007-08	233	391	6.8%	13.8%	15.8%	20.6%
2008-09	235	378	5.2%	16.1%	18%	22.9%
2009-10	316	502	13.6%	19.3%	19.7%	27.1%

* % of total students in grades 10, 11, 12 scoring 3 and higher

** % of graduating students scoring 3 and higher

AP Class	DCE	DCE	DCE	DCE	National	WI.
	#'s ***	% ***	#'s ***	% ***	% ***	% ***
	2008-09	2008-09	2009-10	2009-10	2008-09	2008-09
Biology	9/13	69%	26/32	81%	50.3%	56%
Calculus AB	27/29	93%	28/30	93%	61.1%	70%
Calculus BC	2/2	100%	1/1	100%		
Chemistry	0/1	0%	0/2	0%	55.9%	61%
Economics	7/9	78%	7/14	50%	52.7%	68%
English Language	17/19	89%	19/23	83%	58.2%	72%
English Literature	36/49	73%	35/46	76%	60.4%	70%
European History	45/51	88%	23/24	96%	61.2%	74%
Government	13/17	76%	15/25	60%	50.5%	58%
Physics	0		1/1	100%	60.5%	69%
Psychology	46/47	99%	57/59	97%	66.8	75%
Statistics	30/44	68%	29/38	76%	59.3%	70%
Art	2/3	66%	2/4	50%	67.5	79%
US History	60/94	64%	85/134	63%	48.1%	58%
Human Geography			50/68	74%		
Spanish			1/1	100%		
Total	294/378	78%	379/502	76%	57%	67%

*** scores of 3 or higher/total exams taken

The Department of Education's Strategic Plan 2007-2012 (the Strategic Plan) identifies as one of its key priorities "encourage[ing] more rigorous and advanced coursework to improve the academic performance of our middle and high school students." The impact of AP access has been studied in recent years by the Department and the College Board, among other entities. An academically intense high school curriculum that includes AP or other rigorous courses is highly predictive of college completion.⁵ Students who complete at least one AP examination are more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less.⁶ Students who enroll in AP courses also have higher college grade point averages and four-year graduation rates than students who do not enroll in AP courses.⁷

⁵ Adelman, C. *The Toolbox Revisited: Paths to Degree Completion From High School Through College*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Education, 2006.

⁶ Wayne Camara, The College Board, *College Persistence, Graduation, and Remediation* (2003).

⁷ The College Board, *Advanced Placement Report to the Nation 2007, 12-13* (2007) (citing Linda Hargrove, Donn Godin, & Barbara Dodd).