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AASD Placed on the College Board's 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Student Access and Success

Appleton, WI — The Appleton Area School District is one of 425 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the [6th Annual AP District Honor Roll](#) for increasing access to AP course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams.

Reaching these goals indicates that a district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for the opportunity of AP. To be included on the 6th Annual Honor Roll, Appleton Area School District had to, since 2013, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the number of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher.

Lee Allinger, AASD Superintendent, said “Achieving this distinction multiple times over the last six years is a reflection of our students, parents, and educators’ commitment to the challenge of completing rigorous coursework.”

National data from 2015 show that among black/African American, Hispanic, and Native American students with a high degree of readiness for AP, only about half of students are participating. The first step to delivering the opportunity of AP to students is providing access by ensuring courses are available, that gatekeeping stops, and that the doors are equitably opened so these students can participate. The Appleton Area School District is committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.

Helping more students learn at a higher level *and* earn higher AP scores is an objective of all members of the AP community, from AP teachers to district and school administrators to college professors. Many districts are experimenting with a variety of initiatives and strategies to determine how to simultaneously expand access and improve student performance.

In 2015, more than 3,800 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, and/or consideration in the admission process, with many colleges and universities in the United States offering credit in one or more subjects for qualifying AP scores.





Inclusion on the 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of three years of AP data, from 2013 to 2015, looking across 34 AP Exams, including world language and culture.

Districts must:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4 percent in large districts, at least 6 percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts;
- Increase or maintain the percentage of exams taken by black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native students; and
- Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2015 percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher to the 2013 percentage, *unless* the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.

The complete 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll can be found [here](#).

About Appleton Area School District

The Appleton Area School District is located in the heart of the Fox Cities and is the sixth largest school district in the state. We serve over 16,381 students in our fifteen elementary schools, four middle schools, three high schools and fifteen Charter schools.

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