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# AVON BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dear parents/guardians,

We are pleased to announce the Avon Local School district is one of 373 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 9th Annual Advanced Placement (AP) District Honor Roll. To be included on the 9th Annual Honor Roll, Avon Local Schools had to, since 2016, 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 the district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP. The achievement marks back-to-back honors for the district. The district has also been placed on the Honor Roll a total of four times. Currently, Avon High School offers 18 AP courses.

“We are proud of the diversity of courses we are offering our students,” said Kristina Buller, Avon High School principal. “Our teachers are dedicated to providing college level offerings to our students. The courses are rigorous and rewarding. There is both a financial and intrinsic value to these courses and the students see that when applying to colleges. I am proud of our staff and students.”

According to Buller, 360 students (grades 9-12) are enrolled in AP courses. There is approximately 1,400 in the school.

National data from 2018 show that among American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students with a high degree of readiness for AP, only about half are participating. The first step to getting more of these students to participate is to give them access. Courses must be made available, gatekeeping must stop, and doors must be equitably opened. The Avon Local School district is committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.

“Success in Advanced Placement is a combination of students’ own motivation and the opportunities educators provide for them,” said Trevor Packer, senior vice president of AP and Instruction at the College Board. “I’m inspired by the teachers and administrators in this district who have worked to clear a path for more students of all backgrounds to earn college credit during high school.”

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 initiatives and strategies to see how they can expand access and improve student performance at the same time.

“We are very proud of this distinct recognition and it is truly a reflection of our staff’s willingness to be trained and teach the rigor of an AP course,” said Ben Hodge, Avon Local Schools assistant superintendent. “Our students continue to be impressive as they perform at such a high level every year.”



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In 2018, more than 4,000 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, or both, and/or consideration in the admissions process. Inclusion in the 9th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on a review of three years of AP data, from 2016 to 2018, looking across 38 AP Exams, including world language and culture. The following criteria were used.

Districts must:

Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4% in large districts, at least 6% in medium districts, and at least 11% in small districts;

Increased or maintained the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students taking exams and increased or maintained the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students scoring 3+ on at least one AP Exam; and

Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2018 percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher to the 2016 percentage, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70% of its AP students earn a 3 or higher

Congratulations to our students and staff.

The complete 9th Annual AP District Honor Roll can be found here:

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/score-reports-data/awards/honor-roll>