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College Board Names 23 Ohio School Districts to AP Honor Roll

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) announced Wednesday that 23 of the state's school districts have been named to the Second Annual AP Honor Roll of the College Board.

The districts qualified by increasing student access to college-level Advanced Placement courses while maintaining or increasing the percentage of those students scoring three points or higher on rigorous AP course exams. Eleven Ohio districts made the list for the second year. The full list follows:

Butler County: Lakota Local School District, second year.

Cuyahoga County: Brecksville-Broadview Heights School District; North Royalton City School District; **Olmsted Falls City School District**; Orange City School District; Westlake City School District, second year.

Delaware County: Olentangy Local School District, second year.

Franklin County: Office of Catholic Schools - Diocese of Columbus, second year; Dublin City Schools.

Hamilton County: Forest Hills Local School District; Indian Hill Exempted Village Schools; Madeira City School District, second year.

Lake County: Mentor Exempted Village Schools, second year.

Lucas County: Sylvania City Schools, second year.

Portage County: Aurora City School District, second year.

Putnam County: Columbus Grove Local School District, second year.

Stark County: North Canton City School District, second year; Perry Local School District.

Summit County: Revere Local School District; Stow-Munroe Falls City School District.

Warren County: Kings Local School District; Mason City School District, second year.

Wood County: Perrysburg Exempted Village Schools, second year.

According to the College Board -- author of the SAT college entrance exam -- many districts that increase AP participation find a smaller percentage of total AP students enrolled score well on the exams.

"The trend suggests that some students placed in advanced courses may not be prepared for them," ODE noted. "AP Honor Roll districts distinguish themselves by successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are most likely to benefit from AP course work."

College Board criteria for 2011 winners included examination of three years of AP data (2009-2011); significantly increased student participation in AP courses; and a steady increase in the percentage of AP exams taken by African American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian/Alaska Native students.

A majority of U.S. colleges and universities grant college credit or advanced placement to a student who scores three points or more on AP Exams. "AP programs thus can increase college access for students in these traditionally underrepresented groups," ODE said.

The College Board's 367 AP Honor Roll districts represent 45 states and six Canadian provinces. The complete list can be found at <http://press.collegeboard.org/releases/2011/367-school-districts-placed-college-boards-2nd-annual-ap-district-honor-roll-significant-gai>.