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Nine CCPS High Schools Named 2021 AP Honor Schools

JONESBORO – Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is proud to share that nine Clayton County High Schools were included in one or more of the eight Advanced Placement (AP) Honors categories announced recently by State School Superintendent Richard Woods as he released the AP Honor Schools for 2021. The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) began recognizing AP Honor Schools in 2008.

M.E. Stilwell School of the Arts was included in three categories while Elite Scholars Academy, Forest Park, and Morrow high school were included in two. Charles Drew, Jonesboro, Mt. Zion and Mundy’s Mill, and North Clayton high schools were named in one category.

“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,” State School Superintendent Richard Woods said. “In a challenging time for schools and students, this is good news as we continue our work to expand advanced learning opportunities to all students.”

“The AP program remains a critical element of our Advanced Learning expectations that we have continued to implement over the past two academic years,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. “We join with the State Superintendent in our pride in our students and our teachers accomplishing so much working in unprecedented conditions. They continue to work hard towards embedding and deepening a culture of high performance, not only on their respective campuses but throughout Clayton County and beyond.”

“We are confident that our continued implementation and expansion of the Advanced Learning for All initiative, this bold and innovative approach to increasing our student’s academic performance, will have a positive impact on graduating students that are more than college and career ready,” he concluded.

About Advanced Placement

AP exams are administered by the College Board, which also administers the SAT. AP courses are one of several ways Georgia students can access college-level learning at the high-school level; students who receive a 3, 4, or 5 on an AP exam may receive college credit. The district’s 2021 AP Honor Schools are listed in five of eight categories identified. Their inclusion is based on the results of 2020 AP courses and exams.

At present, 29.1 percent of CCPS AP students scored a 3 or above on an AP exam. Qualifying scores have increased over 11 percentage points since 2016. Seven of our eleven high schools (Charles Drew,

Forest Park, Jonesboro, Lovejoy, Morrow, Mundy's Mill and North Clayton) showed gains for 2020. Of these seven high schools, six made double digit gains. As part of the Advanced Learning for All initiative, ninth grade students take an AP class (Computer Science, Environmental Science, Human Geography, and World History) to give students the ability to begin taking rigorous, college ready courses. Of those ninth grade students who took an AP exam in 2020, 27 percent made a qualifying score which is on par with all grade levels. If you would like to find out more about Advanced Placement check out these flyers.

AP Looks Good on You Flyer (High School)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1erEErWGWrp1wLQLj3OXsE5-Xly1vZ/view?usp=sharing>

AP Looks Good on You Flyer (Elementary and Middle School)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13TF3J0yWx1lcpv91mXyiQchrcGBxDsVs/view?usp=sharing>

Advanced Placement Honor Schools Categories

2021 AP Access and Support Schools - Schools with at least 30 percent of AP exams taken by students who identified themselves as African-American and/or Hispanic and 30 percent of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher

- ★ Elite Scholars Academy
- ★ M.E. Stilwell School of the Arts
- ★ Morrow High School

2021 AP Challenge Schools - Schools with enrollments of 900 or fewer students and students testing in English, math, science, and social studies

- ★ Elite Scholars Academy
- ★ M.E. Stilwell School of the Arts

2021 AP Expansion Schools - AP schools with 25% growth in AP participation from May 2019 to May 2020 and a minimum of 25 students testing in May 2019

- ★ Jonesboro High School
- ★ Mt. Zion High School
- ★ North Clayton High School

2021 AP Humanities Schools - Schools with a minimum of five students testing in the following AP courses: at least one ELA course, two history/social science courses, one fine arts course and one world language course

- ★ Forest Park High School
- ★ M.E. Stilwell School of the Arts

2021 AP STEM Schools - Schools with 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)

- ★ Drew High School
- ★ Forest Park High School
- ★ Morrow High School
- ★ Mundy's Mill High School

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth largest school system in Georgia.

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