

Three SCCPSS High Schools Named AP Honor Schools for 2021



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SCCPSS ADVISORY:

Georgia State School Superintendent Richard Woods has named three Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Schools for 2021. 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 2021 SCCPSS AP Honor Schools are named in seven categories, based on the results of 2020 AP courses and exams. SCCPSS schools receiving recognition include:

Jenkins High School and New Hampstead High School were named AP Access and Support schools. Access and Support Schools are schools with at least 30 percent of their 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.

Savannah Arts Academy was named an AP Challenge School. AP Challenge Schools are those with enrollments of 900 or fewer students testing in English, math, science and social studies.

Savannah Arts Academy was named an AP School of Distinction. AP Schools of Distinction are schools with at least 20 percent of the student population taking AP exams and at least 50 percent of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

Savannah Arts Academy was named an AP Humanities School. AP Humanities Schools are schools with a minimum of five students testing in all of the following AP courses: one ELA course, two history/social sciences courses, one fine arts course and one world language course.

Savannah Arts Academy was named an AP Humanities Achievement School. AP Humanities Achievement Schools are AP Humanities schools (see above definition) with at least 50% of all AP Humanities exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

Jenkins High School and Savannah Arts Academy, were named AP STEM Schools. AP STEM Schools are 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)

Jenkins High School and Savannah Arts Academy were also named AP STEM Achievement Schools. AP STEM Achievement Schools are AP STEM schools (see above definition) with at least 50% of all AP STEM exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

Georgia's public-school class of 2020 has the 17th-highest Advanced Placement (AP) pass rate in the nation, according to data released by the College Board earlier this month. That maintains the AP Pass Rate Georgia students achieved in 2019 despite the impact of COVID. In a news release from the Georgia Department of Education, Superintendent Woods was quoted as saying, "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 Georgia Department of Education began recognizing AP Honor Schools in 2008.