

Press Release



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District 303 Named to 7th Annual Advanced Placement Honor Roll

Honor Shared by Only 433 Districts in U.S. and Canada

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St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 is one of just 433 school districts in the United States and Canada named to the 7th Annual Advanced Placement (AP®) Honor Roll by the College Board.

Research shows that high school students who take AP courses not only earn college credit and decrease college costs but are also more successful in college than those students who do not take an AP course. Students who took at least one AP course had higher college course grades, were more likely to graduate from college and more likely to graduate in only four years.

To qualify for the AP Honor Roll, a district must work to broaden the pool of students taking Advanced Placement classes while also maintaining or improving the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP exams.

To be included on the 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll an examination of three years of AP data, from 2014 to 2016, is done for the following criteria:

- Increased 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;
- Increased or maintained the percentage of exams taken by African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native students who scored 3+ on at least one AP Exam; and
- Improved performance levels when comparing the percentage of students in 2016 scoring a 3 or higher to those in 2014, 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.

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