



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **DOE names all Gwinnett high schools as “AP Honor Schools”**

All Gwinnett County school clusters have a reason to celebrate today as each of the school district’s traditional high schools and a system charter school have been named a “2012 AP (Advanced Placement) Honor School” by State Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Barge. In making the announcement, Dr. Barge said, “Georgia has much to be proud of when it comes to the success of Advanced Placement. Much of this success can be attributed to the dedication to rigor and excellence at each of our AP Honor Schools.”

Out of the 367 schools which earned the honor from across the state, 19 of them serve Gwinnett high school students. That number grew from 17 in 2011 and 12 schools in 2010. Additionally, several GCPS schools were recognized in more than one category.

The Gwinnett schools recognized this year are:

**AP STEM Schools:** All 18 Gwinnett traditional high schools and one charter school earned this honor

*(Schools with students testing in at least two AP Mathematics courses and two AP Science courses. These courses are AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics B, AP Physics C, AP Computer Science.)*

- Archer High
- Berkmar High
- Brookwood High
- Central Gwinnett High
- Collins Hill High
- Dacula High
- Duluth High
- Grayson High
- Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
- Lanier High
- Meadowcreek High
- Mill Creek High
- Mountain View High
- Norcross High
- North Gwinnett High
- Parkview High
- Peachtree Ridge High
- Shiloh High
- South Gwinnett High

**AP Access and Support Schools:**

*(Schools with 30% of AP test takers that identify themselves as African-American and/or Hispanic and at least 30% of all AP exams scoring 3 or higher)*

- Archer High
- Berkmar High
- Central Gwinnett High
- Dacula High
- Lanier High
- Norcross High
- Shiloh High
- South Gwinnett High

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“We are proud to see the hard work of our students and teachers come to fruition,” says **Clay Hunter**, principal of South Gwinnett High, a school which earned recognition as an AP STEM School and an AP Access and Support School. “Our recognition as an AP Honor School is a byproduct of our focus on South Gwinnett’s theme— ‘College, Not If, But Where!’” In congratulating his students and staff, Mr. Hunter recognizes a grant the school received which allowed for teachers to participate in staff development sessions on AP curriculum and strategies. South Gwinnett High students also have a support system, that includes tutorial hours and a student initiated club with a focus on AP content.

AP Challenge Schools:

*(Schools with an enrollment of 900 or fewer students with students testing in the four core areas of English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies)*

-Gwinnett School of Mathematics,  
Science, and Technology

-Lanier High

Lanier High’s recognition as an AP STEM School, an AP Access and Support School, and an AP Challenge School is especially significant as the school is fairly new, having opened in 2010. Principal **Kerensa Wing** is excited to learn her students earned recognition in three different categories in their first year of eligibility. “As we opened Lanier High, our stakeholders expected us to continue to offer the same level of rigor to which our students were accustomed,” says Ms. Wing. “A commitment by the leadership team and our teacher leaders to provide high-level learning opportunities for Lanier High students was one of our non-negotiables as we set our course. The recognition for this accomplishment belongs to the students who stepped up to the challenge and Lanier High’s incredibly talented and hard working group of AP teachers that led our students to success in these classes. Lanier High’s goal is to see the students continue to challenge themselves and be successful in an extraordinary manner.”

AP Merit Schools:

*(Schools with at least 20% of the student population taking AP exams and at least 50% of the AP exams scoring a 3 or higher)*

-Brookwood High

-Dacula High

-Duluth High

-Grayson High

-Gwinnett School of Mathematics,  
Science, and Technology

-North Gwinnett High

-Parkview High

-Peachtree Ridge High

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AP STEM Achievement Schools:

*(Schools with students testing in at least two AP Mathematics courses and two AP science courses and at least 40% of the exam scores on AP Mathematics and AP science exams earning scores of three (3) or higher.)*

- Brookwood High
- Collins Hill High
- Dacula High
- Duluth High
- Grayson High
- Gwinnett School of Mathematics,  
Science, and Technology
- Mill Creek High
- Mountain View High
- Norcross High
- North Gwinnett High
- Parkview High
- Peachtree Ridge High

AP classes and exams are administered by the College Board, which also administers the SAT college-entrance exam. Students who receive a 3, 4, or 5 on AP exams may receive college credit. The 2012 AP Honor Schools are named based on results from 2010-11 AP classes and exams.

*For more information, or to speak with school representatives, representatives of the news media can contact the Department of Communication and Media Relations by calling 678-301-6020.*