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Five CCPS High Schools Included as 2019 AP Honor Schools

JONESBORO – Five Clayton County High Schools (CCPS) were included in one or more of the six different categories announced by State School Superintendent Richard Woods as he released the Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Schools for 2019. 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 High School and Morrow High School were included in two. Lovejoy High School was named in one category.

“It’s essential that we offer a robust set of opportunities to Georgia students, and Advanced Placement is an important part of that,” said State School Superintendent Woods. “I congratulate the educators and leaders who worked to create strong AP programs in these 230 Georgia schools, ultimately connecting students with high-level coursework and the opportunity to gain college credit.”

“I commend the students and teachers associated with the AP programs at the schools honored for their hard work and dedication to building a culture of high performance on their respective campuses,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. “We will continue our work to increase student participation and performance as we move forward.”

“The AP program is a critical element of our Advanced Learning expectations that will be phased in during the 2019-20 academic year,” Dr. Beasley said. “Every entering freshman, next year, will be required to enroll in an AP course, or Dual Enrollment course, thus being exposed to increased instructional rigor and higher expectations to succeed.”

“We believe 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 Advance 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 2019 AP Honor Schools are

listed in four of six categories identified. Their inclusion is based on the results of 2018 AP courses and exams.

Categories

2019 AP Access and Support Schools - Schools with at least 30% of AP exams taken by students who identified themselves as African-American and/or Hispanic and 30% of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher

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

AP Challenge Schools - Schools with enrollments of 900 or fewer students and students testing in four of the core areas (English, math, science, and social studies)

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

AP Humanities Schools - Schools with students testing in the following AP courses: at least one English course, two history/social science courses, one fine arts course and one world language course

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

2019 AP STEM Schools - Schools with students testing in at least two AP math courses and two AP science 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)

- ★ Forest Park High School
- ★ Lovejoy High School
- ★ Morrow 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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