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**Lafayette Parish Recognized for Significant Gains in Advanced Placement Scores**

Today, the Louisiana Department of Education released the results of the May, 2016, Advanced Placement (AP) exam administration. In 2016, Lafayette Parish administered 1,083 AP tests. Passing scores were earned on 470 of those tests, giving Lafayette Parish a 43.4% passing rate which is nearly 10% higher than the average passing rate statewide of 33.6%. Further, Lafayette Parish ranked among the top 10 districts in the state according to the number of passing exams in 2016.

Lafayette High School was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state for the number of students earning passing scores on the exam. The passing rate at Lafayette High stands at 60%, 26.4% higher than the state average. When asked about the success of the AP program at Lafayette High School, Principal Donald Thornton remarked “Lafayette High School is excited about the accomplishments of the students and staff of last school year. We look forward to a fresh year focused on continuing our success across the board. LHS attributes the success this year to two main points. First, our team looked at the data of our students to determine whether our students would be more success taking an Advanced Placement exam or taking a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) test. Second, and more importantly, our students' success is a testament to our teachers' dedication to the students and the school. AP teachers stayed after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to provide students additional help and support on their own time. Teachers conducted AP breakfasts in the library. Teachers have become certified AP graders to better understand the test. Our staff continues to work hard each day to provide the best supports to the students. Nothing short of a total team effort would yield the results that LHS has achieved.” AP Macro and Micro Economics teacher Greg Nelson said of his AP students, “The reason kids did so well in my class is because this material is relevant to the real world, so it is naturally engaging for students. We use social media in class with current news articles about subject material. We also rely on visual and hands-on strategies such as using and manipulating graphs in class and using markers and white boards.”

**Site Level Counts and Percentages of AP Exams Taken by Score**

SiteName	2012-2013			2013-2014			2014-2015			2015-2016		
	Total # of Tests Taken	# of Tests Taken with Score of 3+	% of Tests Taken with Score of 3+	Total # of Tests Taken	# of Tests Taken with Score of 3+	% of Tests Taken with Score of 3+	Total # of Tests Taken	# of Tests Taken with Score of 3+	% of Tests Taken with Score of 3+	Total # of Tests Taken	# of Tests Taken with Score of 3+	% of Tests Taken with Score of 3+
<b>Louisiana Statewide</b>	<b>15,070</b>	<b>5,144</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>21,180</b>	<b>6,410</b>	<b>30.3%</b>	<b>24,145</b>	<b>7,703</b>	<b>31.9%</b>	<b>25,459</b>	<b>8,548</b>	<b>33.6%</b>
Lafayette Parish	506	194	38.3%	653	278	42.6%	1030	345	33.5%	1083	470	43.4%
Acadiana High School	61	10	16.4%	≥30	<10	11.4%	142	22	15.5%	131	23	17.6%
Carencro High School	≥20	<10	29.6%	138	22	15.9%	210	12	5.7%	≥60	<10	<5%
O. Comeaux High School	≥50	<10	15.8%	64	11	17.2%	66	13	19.7%	122	27	22.1%
Lafayette High School	310	166	53.5%	340	238	70.0%	466	293	62.9%	690	414	60.0%
Northside High School	≥50	<10	<5%	≥20	<10	8.3%	≥100	<10	<5%	≥50	<10	<5%
Early College Academy	NA	NA	NA	≥20	<10	<5%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy	NA	NA	NA	≥30	<10	<5%	≥40	<10	7.5%	≥20	<10	9.1%

**Percentages of Students Taking AP Exams by Maximum Test Score Earned**

SiteName	2012-2013			2013-2014			2014-2015			2015-2016		
	Total Students Taking AP Exams	# of Students Scoring 3+	% of Students Scoring 3+	Total Students Taking AP Exams	# of Students Scoring 3+	% of Students Scoring 3+	Total Students Taking AP Exams	# of Students Scoring 3+	% of Students Scoring 3+	Total Students Taking AP Exams	# of Students Scoring 3+	% of Students Scoring 3+
<b>Louisiana Statewide</b>	<b>10,529</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>15,114</b>	<b>4,542</b>	<b>30.3%</b>	<b>17,509</b>	<b>5,456</b>	<b>31.2%</b>	<b>18,267</b>	<b>5,931</b>	<b>32.5%</b>
Lafayette Parish	407	150	36.9%	493	206	41.8%	745	255	34.2%	758	320	42.2%
Acadiana High School	48	10	20.8%	≥20	<10	13.0%	118	19	16.1%	99	20	20.2%
Carencro High School	≥20	<10	38.1%	88	15	17.0%	144	12	8.3%	≥50	<10	<5%
O. Comeaux High School	≥40	<10	18.8%	55	10	18.2%	57	12	21.1%	105	27	25.7%
Lafayette High School	239	122	51.0%	252	175	69.4%	325	208	64.0%	427	268	62.8%
Northside High School	≥50	<10	<5%	≥20	<10	8.3%	≥70	<10	<5%	≥40	<10	<5%
Early College Academy	NA	NA	NA	≥20	<10	<5%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
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