

# Alabama 2023 AP<sup>®</sup> School Honor Roll Recognition



The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access.

The AP School Honor Roll, which replaces the previous AP District Honor Roll, offers schools recognition across four levels of distinction: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. Schools on the AP School Honor Roll may also earn the AP Access Award, honoring schools that demonstrate a clear and effective commitment to equitable access to advanced coursework.





For a school to be recognized on the AP School Honor Roll, it must be located within the United States (including U.S. territories) or Canada and:


- Meet each of the following criteria anchored in research-based relationships between AP and college outcomes:
  - ♦ **College Culture:** 40% or more of graduating cohort took at least 1 AP Exam during high school.
  - ♦ **College Credit:** 25% or more of the graduating cohort scored a 3 or higher on at least 1 AP Exam during high school.
  - ♦ **College Optimization:** 2% or more of the graduating cohort took 5 or more AP Exams during high school. At least 1 of those exams was taken in 9th or 10th grade, so that students are spreading their AP experience across grades rather than feeling disproportionate pressure in any single year.
- Have full-time grade-12 enrollments. AP coordinators can update this information online in [AP Registration and Ordering](#).

Schools can earn the additional AP Access Award if the percentage of AP Exam takers who are underrepresented minority and/or low-income students mirrors the school's overall student demographics.

## As of October 2023, in Alabama

Of 256 eligible schools, 18% earned a place on the 2023 AP School Honor Roll.<sup>1</sup>

AP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL AWARD	PERCENT OF ALL ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS: ALABAMA	PERCENT OF ALL ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS: US AND CANADA
 <b>Bronze</b>	6%	9%
 <b>Silver</b>	5%	9%
 <b>Gold</b>	4%	6%
 <b>Platinum</b>	3%	6%

 In addition, **27%** of Alabama schools on the Honor Roll earned the **AP Access Award**. 39% of all qualifying schools on the Honor Roll earned this additional award.

## School Honor Roll Criteria: 2023 Snapshot

The table below provides an overview of the School Honor Roll criteria, and displays the average percentage of 2023 graduating students in eligible schools for each:

HONOR ROLL CRITERIA	AVERAGE ACROSS ALL ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS: ALABAMA	AVERAGE ACROSS ALL ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS: US AND CANADA
<b>Took at least 1 AP Exam</b>	39%	41%
<b>Scored 3+ on at least 1 AP Exam</b>	18%	25%
<b>Took 5+ AP Exams, at least 1 in 9th or 10th grade<sup>2</sup></b>	5%	8%

Schools can see AP School Honor Roll status in [AP Score Reports for Educators](#). Recognized schools will have access to download a custom celebration kit.

There is no annual application process for schools to be considered for recognition.

<sup>1</sup> Note that schools had the choice to “opt-out” of being publicly recognized on the AP School Honor Roll and/or AP Access Award, so the number of schools listed in this report may not match the number of schools who met the award requirements and received the award.

<sup>2</sup> Research finds that students can optimize many of APs benefits just by taking 1-2 AP courses per year, for a total of 5 APs in high school. Accordingly, the School Honor Roll criteria reflects this research, and this metric does not provide more weight for schools when students take more than 5 AP exams. More information can be found [here](#).

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AP represents an opportunity for students to challenge themselves, earn college credit and placement, and potentially boost their grade point averages. These schools have shown that they can expand access to these college-level courses and still drive high performance — they represent the best of our AP program.”

— TREVOR PACKER  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT  
AP & INSTRUCTION

## 2023 Alabama AP School Honor Roll Recipients

DISTRICT	OVERALL TIER	SCHOOL NAME
Alabaster City Schools	Silver	Thompson High School
Archdiocese of Mobile Education Office	Silver with Access	Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School
Archdiocese of Mobile Education Office	Gold	Saint Michael Catholic High School
Baldwin County Public Schools	Bronze	Fairhope High School
Diocese of Birmingham Education Office	Silver with Access	Holy Spirit Catholic High School
Diocese of Birmingham Education Office	Gold	Saint John Paul II Catholic High School
Hartselle City School District	Bronze	Hartselle High School
Homewood City School District	Gold	Homewood High School
Hoover City School District	Silver	Spain Park High School
Hoover City School District	Bronze	Hoover High School
Huntsville City Schools	Gold	New Century Technology High School
Huntsville City Schools	Bronze	Virgil I Grissom High School
Jefferson County Board of Education	Platinum with Access	Jefferson County IB School
Madison City School District	Silver	James Clemens High School
Madison City School District	Bronze	Bob Jones High School
Madison County School District	Bronze with Access	Hazel Green High School
Madison County School District	Silver	Madison County High School
Madison County School District	Bronze	Buckhorn High School
Montgomery Public Schools	Platinum with Access	LAMP High School
Mountain Brook City School District	Silver	Mountain Brook High School
Muscle Shoals City School District	Bronze with Access	Muscle Shoals High School
Orange Beach City Schools	Bronze	Orange Beach High School
Russellville City School District	Silver with Access	Russellville High School
Shelby County School District	Silver with Access	Helena High School
Shelby County School District	Bronze with Access	Chelsea High School
Shelby County School District	Gold	Oak Mountain High School
Trussville City School District	Silver with Access	Hewitt-Trussville High School
Vestavia Hills City School District	Silver	Vestavia Hills High School
Alabama State Department of Education	Gold with Access	Alabama School of Fine Arts
Alabama State Department of Education	Platinum	Alabama School Of Cyber Technology And Engineering

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DISTRICT	OVERALL TIER	SCHOOL NAME
Alabama State Department of Education	Platinum	Alabama School of Mathematics and Science
N/A	Gold with Access	Montgomery Academy
N/A	Platinum	Houston Academy
N/A	Platinum	Indian Springs School
N/A	Platinum	Saint Pauls Episcopal School
N/A	Gold	Altamont School
N/A	Gold	Bayside Academy
N/A	Gold	Trinity Presbyterian School
N/A	Gold	UMS Wright Preparatory School
N/A	Silver	Lee-Scott Academy
N/A	Bronze	Donoho School
N/A	Bronze	Madison Academy
N/A	Bronze	Randolph School
N/A	Bronze	Springwood School
N/A	Bronze	Westminster Christian Academy