



AP School Honor Roll

NEW FOR FALL 2023



The new AP[®] School Honor Roll is a prestigious annual recognition program that celebrates schools whose AP programs have done outstanding work to welcome students into AP courses and support them on the path to college success. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.

The AP School Honor Roll offers 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.

How to Be Considered

Schools don't need to apply for the AP School Honor Roll.

To be considered for the 2023 AP School Honor Roll in fall 2023, AP coordinators should make sure their school's 2022-23 data for schoolwide 12th-grade enrollment is correctly entered into [AP Registration and Ordering](#) by **August 31, 2023**. This can be found on the **School**

Information and Participation Contacts screen under **Settings**. If a school does not wish to be considered for the AP School Honor Roll, the AP coordinator should leave this data field blank.

Qualifying Criteria

For a school to be recognized on the AP School Honor Roll in a given year, it must:

- Be located within the United States (including U.S. territories) or Canada.
- Have full-time grade 12 enrollments.
- Meet each of the following criteria for its students in the most recent graduating class—these criteria are anchored in research-based relationships between AP and college outcomes.
 - ♦ **College Culture:** 40% or more of the 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.

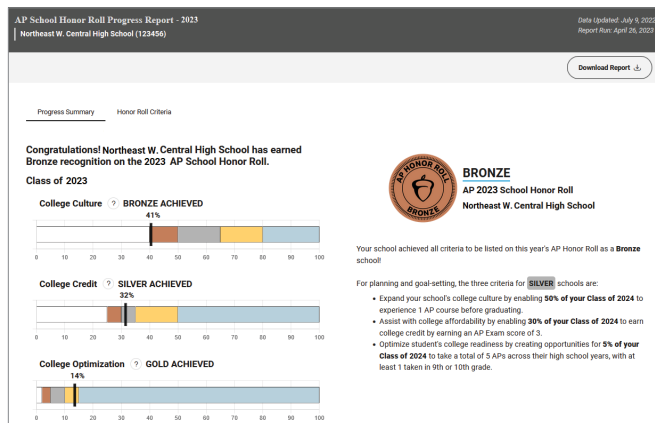
Schools earning a place on the AP School Honor Roll can earn the additional AP Access Award if the percentage of AP Exam takers who are underrepresented minority and/or low-income students mirrors the school's overall student demographics. For example, if 50% of a school's student body is low income, then 50% of the AP Exam takers must also be low income for a school to receive the AP Access Award.

To be considered for this additional award, AP coordinators should make sure their school's 2022-23 percentage of free or reduced-price lunch (FRPL) student population data is correctly entered into [AP Registration and Ordering](#). This can be found on the [School Information and Participation Contacts](#) screen under [Settings](#).

If a school does not wish to be considered for the AP Access Award, the AP coordinator should leave the percent of qualifying FRPL students field blank. Schools may still be considered for the AP School Honor Roll even if they do not wish to be considered for the AP Access Award.

Receiving Recognition

Beginning in fall 2023, AP coordinators, principals, and other school and district administrators will be able to view their school's 2023 AP School Honor Roll status on the AP School Honor Roll Progress Report by signing in to [AP Score Reports for Educators](#). Schools will be able to see their baseline metrics, which distinction level they have achieved for each metric, and what metrics they would need to achieve to reach the next level.



The AP School Honor Roll Progress Report will recognize schools that also earn the AP Access Award.

Honor Roll schools will also receive a kit to help celebrate their recognition with their community.

For more information, visit the AP School Honor Roll page on AP Central®: [cb.org/APSchoolHonorRoll](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/APSchoolHonorRoll)