The AP® School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs have done outstanding work to welcome students into AP courses and support their path to college success. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that show they're committed 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, which honors schools that demonstrate a clear and effective commitment to give students 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 AP School Honor Roll, AP coordinators should make sure their school’s current year data for schoolwide 12th-grade enrollment is correctly entered into AP Registration and Ordering by August 31 every year. This can be found on the School Information and Participation Contacts screen under Settings. If a school doesn’t wish to be considered for the AP School Honor Roll, the AP coordinator should leave this field blank.

Your school’s AP coordinator can update enrollment data by logging in to AP Registration and Ordering and following these steps:

1. Navigate to the AP Registration and Ordering view.
2. Select the appropriate school year from the dropdown. You may make updates to these data for both the prior school year and the current school year.

5. Make updates in the displayed prompt. Click Save.
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.

AP Access Award
Schools earning a place on the AP School Honor Roll can also earn the 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.

This award demonstrates the school’s clear and effective commitment to equitable access to advanced coursework.

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

If a school doesn't 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 don't wish to be considered for the AP Access Award.

Receiving Recognition
AP coordinators, principals, and other school and district administrators can view their school’s current AP School Honor Roll status on the AP School Honor Roll Progress Report by signing in to AP Score Reports for Educators. Schools can 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 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](http://cb.org/APSchoolHonorRoll)

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