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Eight CCPS High Schools Included as 2020 AP Honor Schools

JONESBORO – Eight Clayton County High Schools (CCPS) were included in one or more of the eight Advanced Placement (AP) Honors categories announced by State School Superintendent Richard Woods as he released the AP Honor Schools for 2020. The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) began recognizing AP Honor Schools in 2008.

M.E. Stilwell School of the Arts was included in five categories while Elite Scholars Academy and Morrow High School were included in two. Charles Drew, Forest Park, Lovejoy, Mt. Zion and Mundy’s Mill High Schools were named in one category.

“I’m proud of Georgia’s students, who continue to record strong performances on Advanced Placement exams and outperform their peers in other Southern states,” Georgia State School Superintendent Richard Woods said.

“I commend the students, teachers, and staff of these 255 schools,” he added. “Behind this recognition is an enormous amount of hard work, and I congratulate all those who worked to expand access, improve performance, and build strong Advanced Placement programs in each school recognized today.”

“The AP program is a critical element of our Advanced Learning expectations that have been phased in during the current academic year,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO. “We are very proud of the students and teachers associated with the AP programs at the schools that met the requirements to be named AP Honors Schools. They are working hard towards building a culture of high performance, not only on their respective campuses but throughout Clayton County and beyond.”

“We are confident that our Advanced Learning for All initiative, 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 Advanced 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 2020 AP Honor Schools are listed in seven of eight categories identified. Their inclusion is based on the results of 2019 AP courses and exams.

Advanced Placement Honor Schools Categories

2020 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

2020 AP Challenge Schools - Schools with enrollments of 900 or fewer students and students testing in English, math, science, and social studies

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

2020 AP Schools of Distinction - Schools with at least 20% of the total student population taking AP exams and at least 50% of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher

- ★ M.E. Stilwell School of the Arts

2020 AP Expansion Schools - AP schools with 25% growth in AP participation from May 2018 to May 2019 and a minimum of 25 students testing in May 2018

- ★ Mt. Zion High School

2020 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

2020 AP Humanities Achievement 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 with at least 50% of all AP Humanities exams earning scores of 3 or higher

- ★ M.E. Stilwell School of the Arts

2020 AP STEM Schools - Schools with a minimum of five students testing in at least four AP STEM 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)

- ★ Drew High School
- ★ Forest Park High School
- ★ Lovejoy High School
- ★ Morrow High School
- ★ Mundy's Mill 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.