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Seven CCPS High Schools Earn AP Honor School Designation from GaDOE

JONESBORO – Seven of Clayton County Public Schools' (CCPS) high schools were named by State School Superintendent Richard Woods as an Advanced Placement (AP) Honor School for 2018. A total of 685 designations were announced.

Elite Scholars Academy (ESA), Lovejoy High School (LHS), Morrow High School (MHS), Mount Zion High School (MTZHS), North Clayton High School (NCHS), Riverdale High School (RHS) and M.E. Stilwell School of the Arts (Stilwell SOA) were named to one or more of the six categories.

"Georgia's schools continue to expand opportunities for their students, including through their AP offerings," Superintendent Woods said. "We know the AP program produces strong results – for example, the graduation rate for students who complete just one AP course is 98 percent. I commend the school leaders who are expanding access for their students and the students and teachers in each of these schools who continue to pursue high-level learning."

"We are excited over these AP Honors designations by the state," said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent of Schools. "This is a clear indication that our district is on the right path to academic success as we continue to embed the culture of Committed to High Performance among our students and our employees."

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 2018 AP Honor Schools are named in six categories, based on the results of 2017 AP courses and exams. A list of categories in which CCPS schools earned a designation is located below:

Categories:

[AP Challenge Schools](#) are schools with enrollments of 900 or fewer students and students testing in four of the core areas (English, math, science, and social studies)

- ESA
- NCHS
- Stilwell SOA

[AP Access and Support Schools](#) are schools with at least 30 percent of AP exams taken by students who identified themselves as African-American and/or Hispanic and 30 percent of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher

- Stilwell SOA

[AP STEM Schools](#) are schools with students testing in at least two AP math courses and two AP science 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)

- ESA
- LHS
- MHS
- MTZHS
- Stilwell SOA
- RHS

[AP Humanities Schools](#) are schools with students testing in the following AP courses: at least one ELA course, two social sciences courses, one fine arts course and one world language course.

- ESA
- Stilwell SOA

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by 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 almost 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.

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