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Five CCSD schools make 2023 AP School Honor Roll

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Charleston, SC - Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce the following five schools are listed on the 2023 AP® School Honor Roll due to a high number of students taking exams and performing at a high level on AP tests: Charleston County School of the Arts (SOA), Academic Magnet High School, Lucy Beckham High School, Wando High School, and Charleston Charter School for Math and Science.

The AP School Honor Roll, which replaces the previous AP District Honor Roll, offers schools recognition across four levels of distinction: Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. 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. Schools earn 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.

SOA is one of just four public schools in the state to earn the Platinum with Access honor. Academic Magnet made the Platinum level, Lucy Beckham earned Gold status, Wando High School received Silver, and Charleston Charter School for Math and Science made Bronze.

Overall, the number of CCSD students taking AP exams increased from the previous year: 3,277 students combined to take 6,043 tests in 2023, compared to 3,189 students and 5,908 exams in 2022. In addition, the percentage of CCSD students passing an AP test (scoring a 3 or higher) went from 73.5 percent in 2022 to 75.1 percent in 2023. The district's average of students passing AP assessments in 2023 is nine percentage points higher than the state average (66 percent).

Research shows students who take AP courses and exams are more likely to attend college and graduate on time. The students who enter four-year colleges with credits from AP accelerate their path to graduation and build confidence for college success. Even for those who don't earn college credit, AP coursework provides early exposure to college-level work and contributes to a college-going school culture.

To learn more about the AP Honor Roll, [visit this website](#). For additional information about the CCSD schools receiving this honor, contact the Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.