Monroe Township School District

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THE MONROE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL NAMED TO COLLEGE BOARD HONOR ROLL

MTHS HONORED FOR SCHOOL-WIDE PERFORMANCE ON 2023 ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

Monroe Township, NJ | **November 12, 2023** | Earlier this fall, the Monroe Township High School (MTHS) received notification that it has been named to the 2023 College Board Advanced Placement Honor Roll. This recognition is the result of the testing data produced by students taking an Advanced Placement exam at the MTHS during the 2022-2023 school year. In the report published by the College Board on October 3, 2023, the high school received two (2) *gold* designations and one (1) *bronze* designation, earning the secondary institution an overall *bronze* for the 2022-2023 school year.

"We are very proud that our high school is offering Monroe students such a wide selection of high-quality courses," said Dr. Chari Chanley, Superintendent of the Monroe Township School District. "While we recognize that not all of our students may be college bound, our school district takes great pride in ensuring students seeking rigorous learning experiences are able to challenge themselves authentically and responsibly."

The Monroe Township High School currently offers 29 different Advanced Placement courses across eight (8) content areas. In spring 2023, MTHS students completed 1,494 exams, 84% of which earned a qualifying score. The College Board uses three categories to evaluate schools for their Honor Roll: College Culture (MTHS scores Bronze), College Credit (MTHS scores Gold), and College Optimization (MTHS scores Gold). To improve their overall rating, the MTHS is challenged with increasing the "percent of students in the graduating class who took an AP exam at any point in high school, regardless of score."

Since the winter of the 2023 school year, the Monroe Township School District and Board of Education have been taking action to increase student access to diverse programming via a revision to the existing graduation requirement policy. By reducing the high school's mathematics requirement from 20 credits to 15 credits, MTHS students now have increased capacity within their schedule to explore the school's dynamic course catalog, which includes the 29 Advanced Placement courses.

"Our school district is fortunate to have so many talented teachers in our high school's Advanced Placement Program," said Mrs. Chrissy Skurbe, President of the Monroe Township Board of Education. "We will continue to work towards offering our students increased access to all types of curricular and cocurricular learning experiences, regardless of their personal or professional interests."

Before receiving the notification of being named to the College Board's AP School Honor Roll, the Monroe Township High School had already begun building out its local AP program. To start the 2023 – 2024 school year, the school has provided students with access to seven (7) additional AP course sections, across four content areas. Course section offerings are driven by demand for enrollment and building capacity to accommodate scheduling.

To celebrate the school-wide success and honor, the Monroe Township Board of Education will be honoring the 30+ Advanced Placement instructors and support staff at its November 15th monthly meeting. Congratulations to the students and staff whose hard work resulted in the Monroe Township School District winning this special honor. For more information regarding the Monroe Township High School's Advanced Placement program, or any general inquiries:

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