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Number of CCSD students receiving honors from College Board nearly triples in two years

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Charleston, SC - Charleston County School District (CCSD) is proud to announce that 132 students from a combined 12 high schools earned academic honors from the [College Board National Recognition Programs](#) in 2024. That is compared to 50 students from eight schools in 2022. In fact, the 132 students this year earned a total of 147 awards.

These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students who opt into the Student Search Service with colleges and universities across the country in a meaningful way during the application process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students as African American/Black, First Generation (new this year), Hispanic/Latino, Indigenous/Native American, and Rural Area/Small Town through the College Board's Student Search Service.

The CCSD schools and programs represented on this year's list are as follows (number of students included):

- Academic Magnet High School (36)
- Allegro Charter School of Music (1)
- Burke High School (1)
- Charleston Charter School for Math and Science (2)
- Charleston County School of the Arts (5)
- Early College High School (2)
- James Island Charter High School (2)
- Lucy Beckham High School (6)
- R.B. Stall High School (2)
- St. John's High School (1)
- Wando High School (67)
- West Ashley High School (7)

"I want to commend our students for their dedication, commitment to academic excellence, and challenging themselves to more rigorous courses," said Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer, CCSD's Associate Superintendent of the High School Learning Community. "In addition, our teachers, counselors, and administrators deserve

credit for their work in offering our scholars these classes. We are delighted to see these opportunities grow, and with it, a higher level of student performance.”

Students become eligible as sophomores or juniors if they have a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams and identify as Black/African American, Latino/Hispanic, Indigenous/Native, first-generation college student, or attend high school in a rural area or small town.

Eligible students will be invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year and will be awarded at the beginning of the next school year. Students will receive their awards in time to include them in their college and scholarship applications.

For more information, contact CCSD's 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.