

ASSESSMENT & RESEARCH



2024 Advanced Placement Exam Report

Lyons Township High School District 204

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Introduction

Advanced Placement (AP) courses give students the opportunity to engage with college-level material while in high school. Students who engage in AP coursework stand-out to colleges during the college admission process. Approximately 85% of colleges and universities have stated AP coursework plays a role in the admissions decision process.

AP exams are scored on a 1-5 scale. The description of each score level is below:

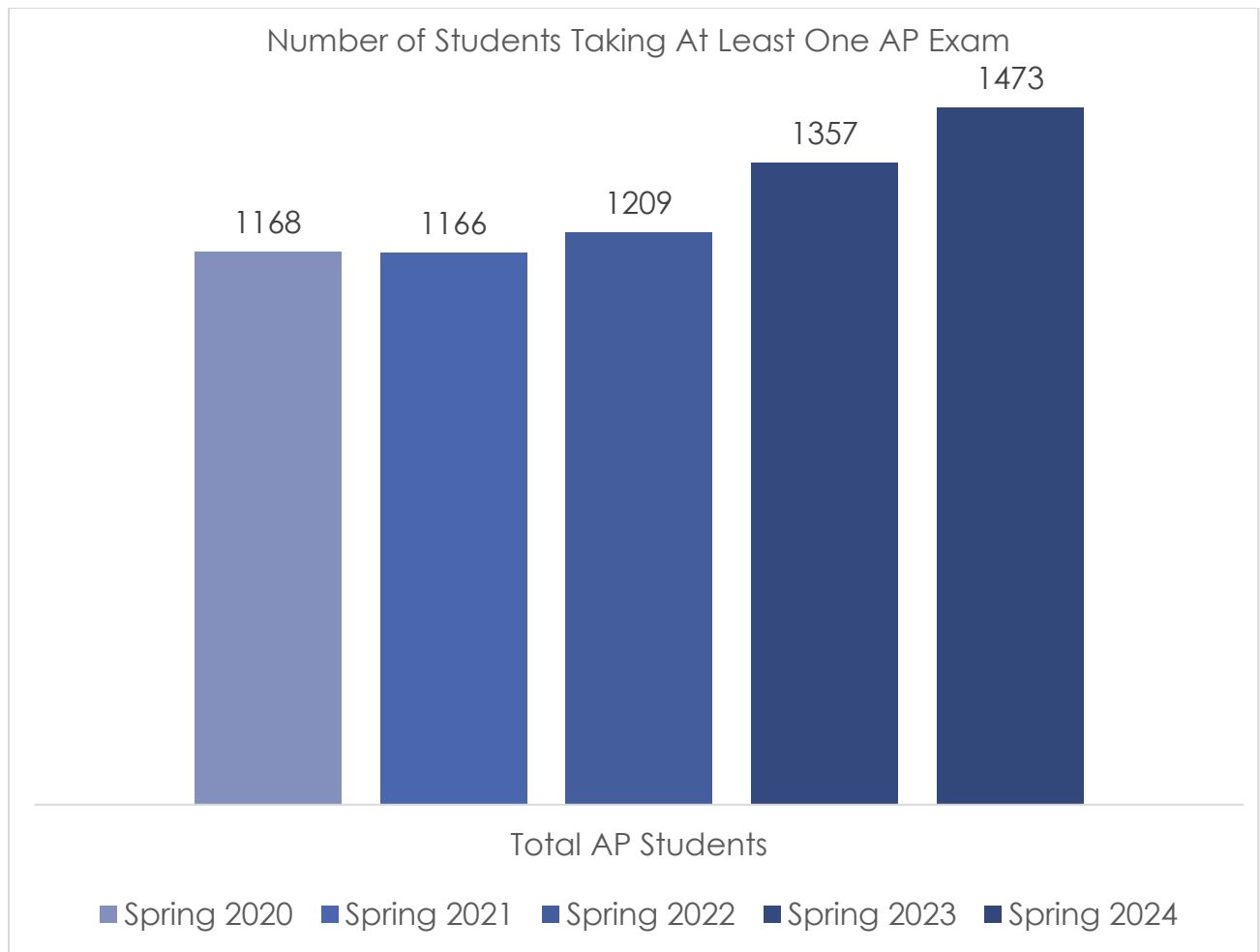
<i>Exam Score</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
5	Extremely Well Qualified
4	Very Well Qualified
3	Qualified
2	Possibly Qualified
1	No Recommendation

Students who take and pass AP exams have an opportunity to earn college credit, often saving time and money. In Illinois, all public colleges and universities are required to award college credit to students who pass an AP exam. Out-of-state and private universities each have their own requirements for awarding credits. A score of 3 or higher is considering passing.

Lyons Township High School District 204 has partnered with Equal Opportunity Schools to expand access to AP and Dual Credit courses. The partnership started in the fall of 2021. Our first EOS cohort took their AP/DC classes during the 2022-2023 school year and the work from that partnership is reflected in the following data.

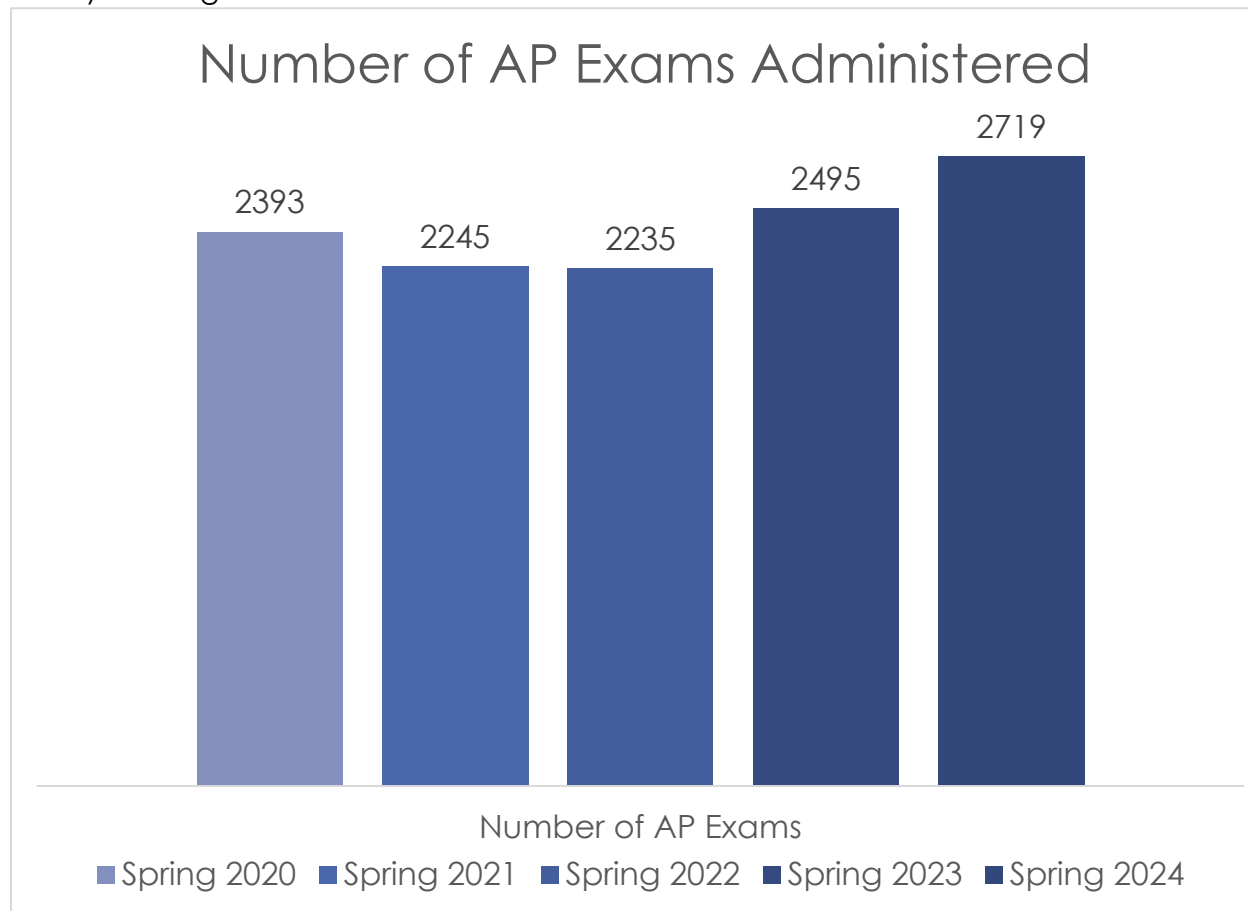
Number of Students Tested

In the Spring of 2024, Lyons Township High school saw an increase in the number of students who took at least one AP Exam.



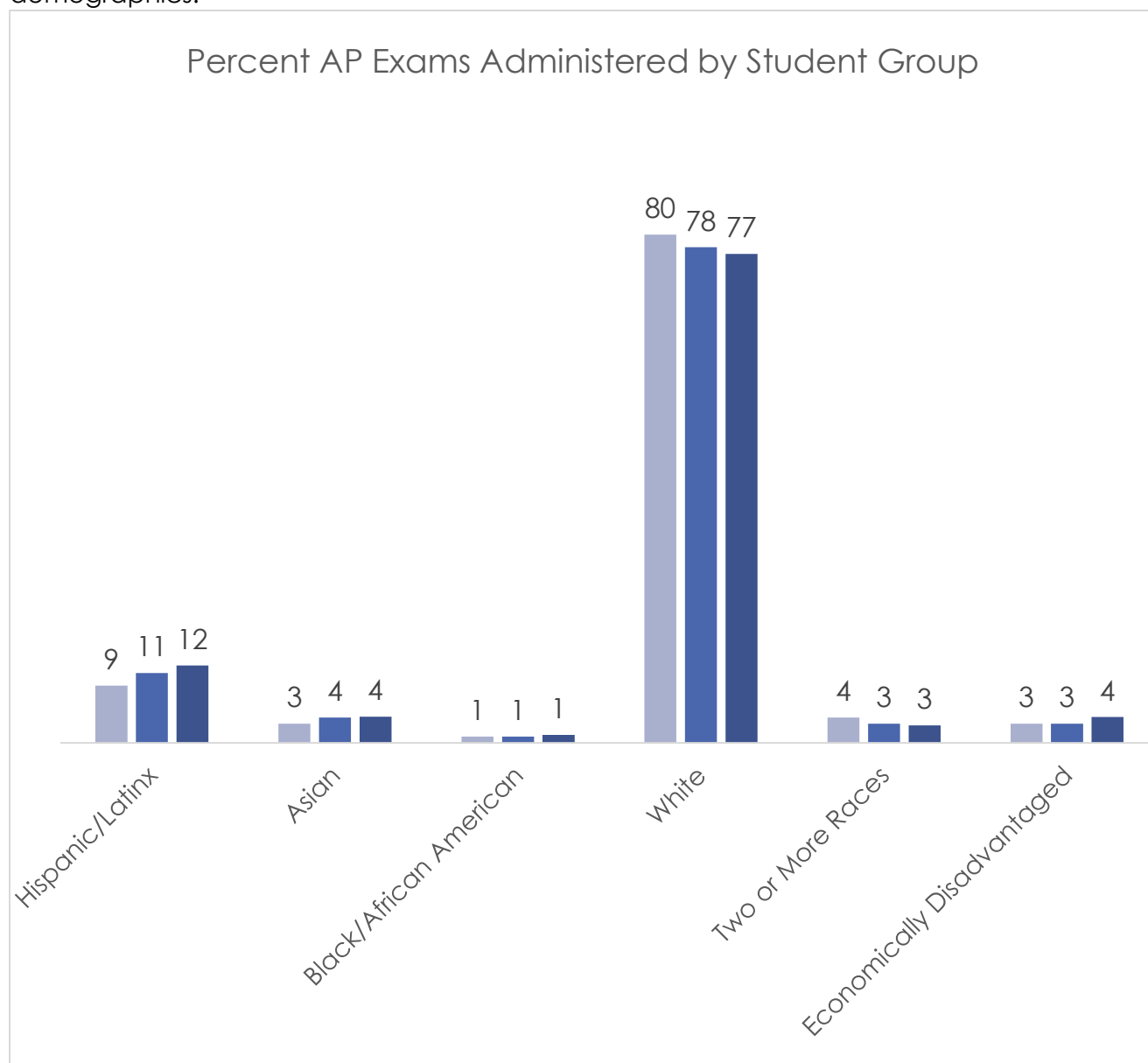
Number of Exams Administered

Lyons Township High School experienced an increase in the number of exams administered during the spring of 2024, with a total of 2,719 exams administered. Notably, 354 of these exams were administered digitally, marking the first time in LT's history that digital exams were offered.



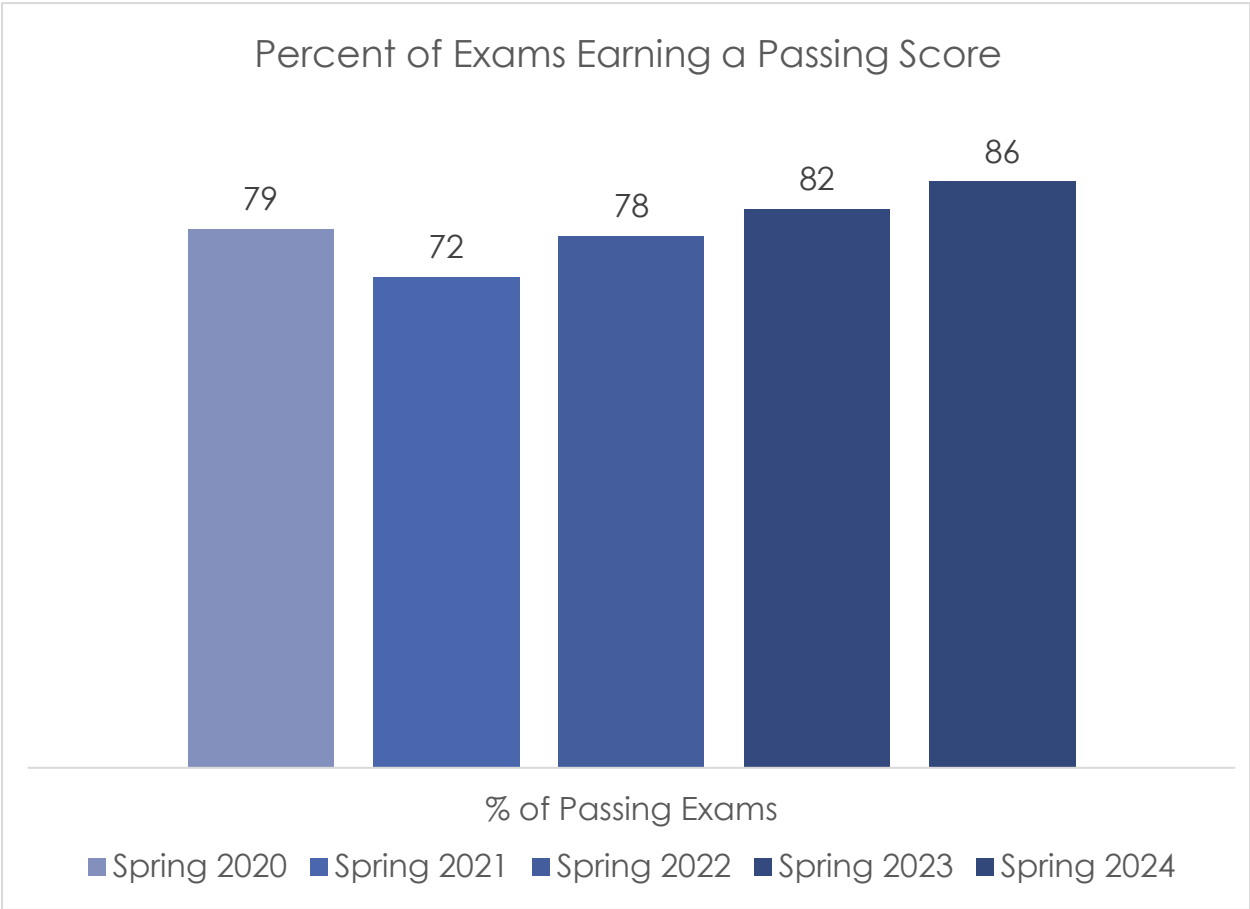
Percent of Administered Exams by Student Group

The chart below illustrates the distribution of exams administered by demographic groups at Lyons Township High School for the last three years. Of the 2,719 exams given in the spring of 2024, 12% were administered to Hispanic/Latinx students, reflecting an increase compared to the previous year. Asian students accounted for 4% of all exams, Black/African American students represented 1%, white students completed 77% of the exams, and 3% were administered to students identifying as two or more races. While there has been growth in the percentage of Hispanic/Latinx students taking AP exams, these figures still do not fully represent the diversity of our school community. Lyons Township High School District 204 continues to collaborate with Equal Opportunity Schools to ensure that these percentages more accurately reflect our student demographics.

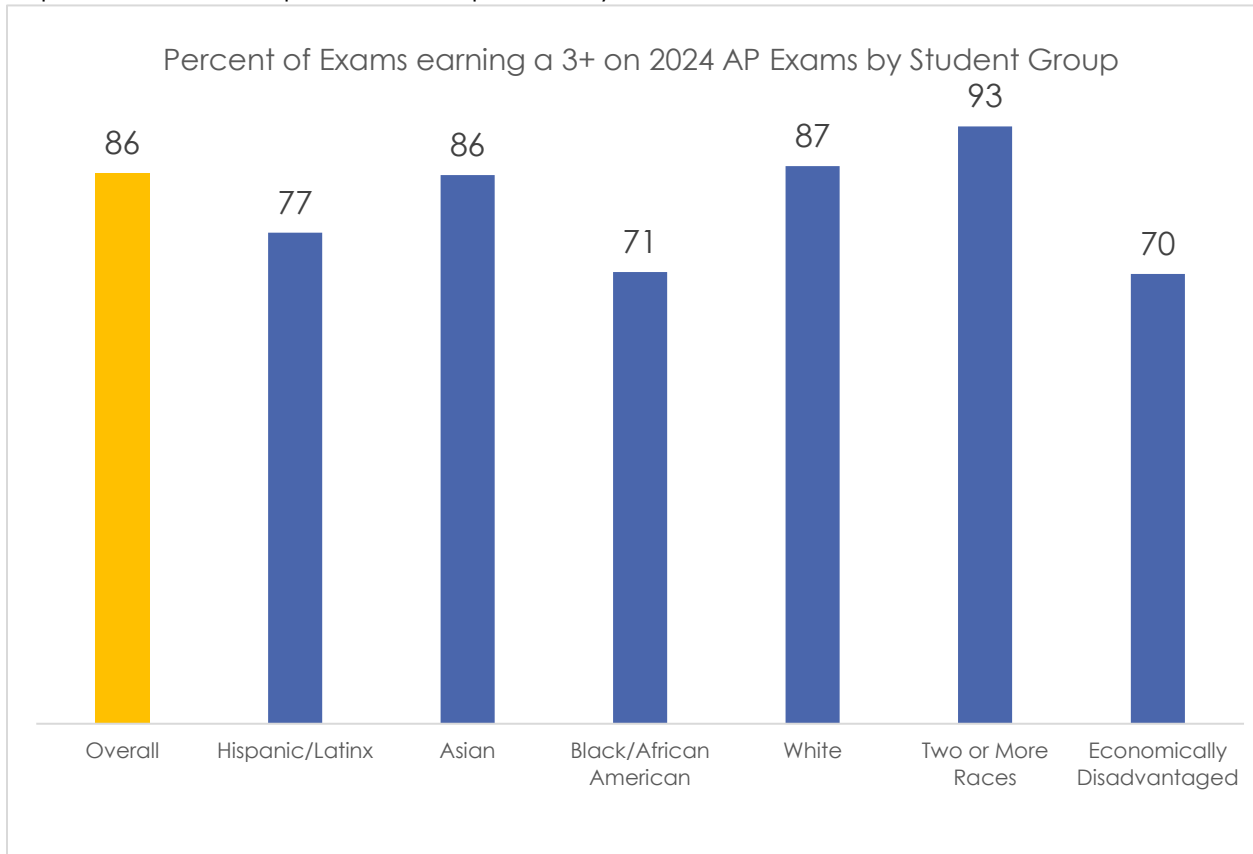


Percent of Passing Exams

The following chart illustrates the percentage of AP exams that achieved a passing score over the past five years. In the spring of 2024, 86% of AP exams earned a passing score of 3 or higher, reflecting a 4% increase from the spring of 2023. Lyons Township High School continues to expand the number of exams administered while maintaining a high pass rate.

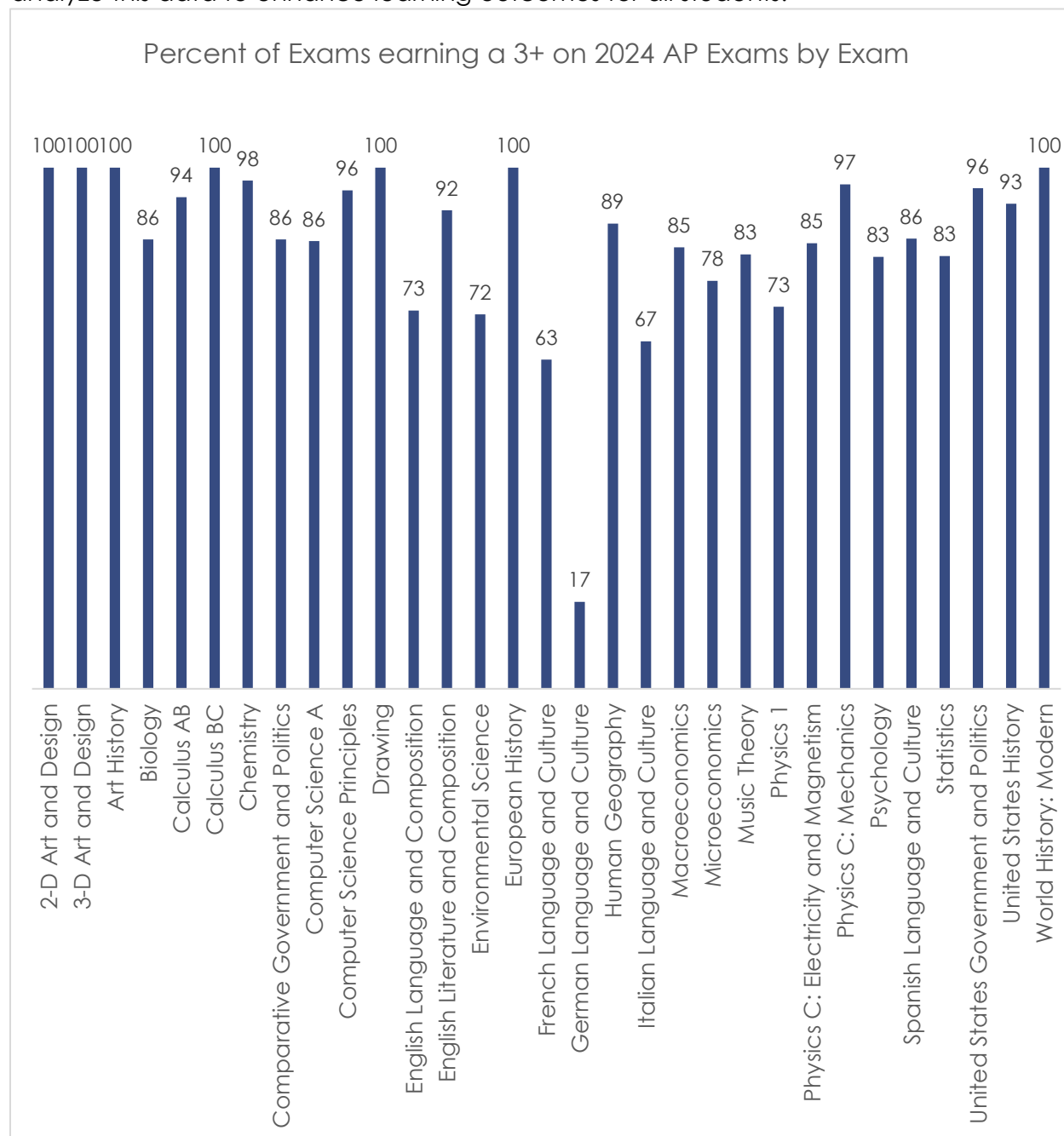


The chart below displays the percentage of passing AP exams by student group. Each group demonstrated strong performance, with high passing rates. These rates represent improvements compared to the previous year's data.



Percent of Passing Exams by Course

The percentage of students earning a score of 3 or higher varies across AP courses, as illustrated in the chart below. District, school, division, and course teams continue to analyze this data to enhance learning outcomes for all students.



Percent of Students Earning a Passing Score

A score of 3 or higher is considered passing and qualifies for college credit at any public college or university in Illinois. The graph below illustrates the percentage of AP students who earned at least one passing score on an AP exam over the past five years. In the spring of 2024, 88% of students taking AP exams achieved at least one passing score.

