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RCSS Reports Advanced Placement Data and Class of 2022 Graduation Rate, ACT Scores

(AUGUSTA, GEORGIA) –Richmond County School System (RCSS) students excelled in Advanced Placement (AP) studies last year returning the second highest pass rate on AP Exams since 2017. More students took AP classes and exams last year and a record number of students scored 3 or higher on the exam to receive college credit. The school system had 2,148 students take AP exams in 2021 and 97 achieved AP Scholar Designation for their performance on the AP Exam(s).

“Our students are taking advantage of the opportunity to earn college credits early,” said Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw, Superintendent of Richmond County School System. “The Advanced Placement curriculum challenges students to work hard and advance their learning while reinforcing strong academic skills that will help them be successful in their future college and career choices.”

The school system also reported ACT Scores for the Class of 2022 with the system average ACT Composite Score of 18.4. ACT Scores decreased 1.3 from 2020-2021 when fewer students took the ACT due to college waivers and other factors during the pandemic. Class of 2022 ACT Scores increased 0.7 points over 2019-2020.

RCSS also reported a slight decline graduation rates for the Class of 2022 which were released by the Georgia Department of Education today. The School System reported a 71.66 percent graduation cohort rate for the Class of 2022 which was a 2.1 percent decrease from prior year data. The Georgia Department of Education reported an overall graduation rate of 84.1 percent, a .4 percent increase for the Class of 2022 statewide.

“We use data to help us understand where our students are and what they need to support and advance their learning,” said Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw, Superintendent of Richmond County School System. “The pandemic impacted some of the achievement gains our students were making, and we are committed to continue working with our families and the community to provide students the resources and instruction they need to be college and career ready upon their graduation.”

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