

Iowa 2023 AP[®] School Honor Roll Recognition



The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access.

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





For a school to be recognized on the AP School Honor Roll, it must be located within the United States (including U.S. territories) or Canada and:


- Meet each of the following criteria anchored in research-based relationships between AP and college outcomes:
 - ♦ **College Culture:** 40% or more of graduating cohort took at least 1 AP Exam during high school.
 - ♦ **College Credit:** 25% or more of the graduating cohort scored a 3 or higher on at least 1 AP Exam during high school.
 - ♦ **College Optimization:** 2% or more of the graduating cohort took 5 or more AP Exams during high school. At least 1 of those exams was taken in 9th or 10th grade, so that students are spreading their AP experience across grades rather than feeling disproportionate pressure in any single year.
- Have full-time grade-12 enrollments. AP coordinators can update this information online in [AP Registration and Ordering](#).

Schools can earn the additional AP Access Award if the percentage of AP Exam takers who are underrepresented minority and/or low-income students mirrors the school's overall student demographics.

As of October 2023, in Iowa

Of 164 eligible schools, 7% earned a place on the 2023 AP School Honor Roll.¹

AP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL AWARD	PERCENT OF ALL ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS: IOWA	PERCENT OF ALL ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS: US AND CANADA
 Bronze	3%	9%
 Silver	1%	9%
 Gold	2%	6%
 Platinum	1%	6%

 In addition, **9%** of Iowa schools on the Honor Roll earned the **AP Access Award**. 39% of all qualifying schools on the Honor Roll earned this additional award.

School Honor Roll Criteria: 2023 Snapshot

The table below provides an overview of the School Honor Roll criteria, and displays the average percentage of 2023 graduating students in eligible schools for each:

HONOR ROLL CRITERIA	AVERAGE ACROSS ALL ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS: IOWA	AVERAGE ACROSS ALL ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS: US AND CANADA
Took at least 1 AP Exam	21%	41%
Scored 3+ on at least 1 AP Exam	13%	25%
Took 5+ AP Exams, at least 1 in 9th or 10th grade²	2%	8%

Schools can see AP School Honor Roll status in [AP Score Reports for Educators](#). Recognized schools will have access to download a custom celebration kit.

There is no annual application process for schools to be considered for recognition.

¹ Note that schools had the choice to “opt-out” of being publicly recognized on the AP School Honor Roll and/or AP Access Award, so the number of schools listed in this report may not match the number of schools who met the award requirements and received the award.

² Research finds that students can optimize many of APs benefits just by taking 1-2 AP courses per year, for a total of 5 APs in high school. Accordingly, the School Honor Roll criteria reflects this research, and this metric does not provide more weight for schools when students take more than 5 AP exams. More information can be found [here](#).

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AP represents an opportunity for students to challenge themselves, earn college credit and placement, and potentially boost their grade point averages. These schools have shown that they can expand access to these college-level courses and still drive high performance — they represent the best of our AP program.”

— TREVOR PACKER
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
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2023 Iowa AP School Honor Roll Recipients

DISTRICT	OVERALL TIER	SCHOOL NAME
Archdiocese of Dubuque Education Office	Gold	Wahlert High School
Diocese of Davenport Education Office	Platinum	Regina High School
Emmetsburg Community School District	Bronze	Emmetsburg High School
Iowa City Community School District	Gold	Iowa City West High School
Iowa City Community School District	Bronze	City High School
Iowa City Community School District	Bronze	Liberty High School
Linn-Mar Community School District	Bronze	Linn Mar High School
Pleasant Valley Community School District	Bronze	Pleasant Valley High School
West Des Moines Community School District	Silver	Valley High School
N/A	Gold with Access	Rivermont Collegiate
N/A	Silver	Maharishi School