



Iowa 2025 AP[®] School Honor Roll Recognition



The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for their students.





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.

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](#).

As of December 2025, in Iowa

Of 165 qualifying schools, 8% earned a place on the 2025 AP School Honor Roll.¹

| AP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL AWARD | PERCENT OF QUALIFYING IOWA SCHOOLS | PERCENT OF ALL QUALIFYING SCHOOLS: US AND CANADA |
|--|------------------------------------|--|
|  Platinum | 1% | 8% |
|  Gold | 1% | 7% |
|  Silver | 3% | 11% |
|  Bronze | 4% | 10% |

Overview of AP School Honor Roll Recipients

The average percentage of the 2025 graduating cohort who met criteria:

| CRITERIA MET | AVERAGE ACROSS ALL QUALIFYING IOWA SCHOOLS | AVERAGE ACROSS ALL QUALIFYING SCHOOLS: US AND CANADA |
|---|--|--|
| Took at least 1 AP Exam | 22% | 44% |
| Scored 3+ on at least 1 AP Exam | 15% | 29% |
| Took 5+ AP Exams, at least 1 in 9th or 10th grade | 2% | 9% |

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.

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AP gives students opportunity to engage with college-level work, earn college credit and placement, and build professional career skills they can use no matter what path they choose after high school,”

SAID TREVOR PACKER,
HEAD OF THE AP PROGRAM

“Congratulations to this year’s AP School Honor Roll recipients for proving it’s possible to expand participation in these rigorous courses and still drive strong performance.”

¹ Note that schools had the choice to “opt-out” of being publicly recognized on the AP School Honor Roll, so some schools who met the award requirements may not be included in these percentages.

New AP School Honor Roll Recognitions

The AP School Honor Roll launched in 2023. Now in its third year, the number of schools recognized has grown from 4,570 schools in 2023 to 5,723 schools in 2025.

Notably:

- 36% of all eligible 2025 Honor Roll schools received Honor Roll recognition
- Of all 2025 Honor Schools, 15% of schools were new to the Honor Roll
- 19% of 2025 Honor Roll schools rose one or more tiers compared to their status last year

In the list that follows, schools that are being recognized on the AP School Honor Roll for the first time are noted with a star (★) following their name. Schools that have moved up one or more tiers, compared to their status in the prior year, are noted with a triangle (▲) following their name.

2025 Iowa AP School Honor Roll Recipients

| DISTRICT | SCHOOL NAME | OVERALL TIER |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Archdiocese of Dubuque Education Office | Wahlert High School | Silver |
| Archdiocese of Dubuque Education Office | Xavier High School | Bronze |
| Cedar Falls Community School District | Cedar Falls High School | Bronze |
| Des Moines Public Schools | Roosevelt High School | Bronze |
| Diocese of Davenport Education Office | Regina High School ▲ | Platinum |
| Iowa City Community School District | City High School | Bronze |
| Iowa City Community School District | Iowa City West High School ▲ | Gold |
| Iowa City Community School District | Liberty High School | Silver |
| Linn Mar Community Schools | Linn Mar High School | Bronze |
| Pleasant Valley Community School District | Pleasant Valley High School | Bronze |
| West Des Moines Community School District | Valley High School ▲ | Silver |
| | Maharishi School | Silver |
| | Rivermont Collegiate | Silver |
| | Valley Lutheran High School ★ | Bronze |

★ New to the Honor Roll this year.
▲ Moved up to a higher tier on the Honor Roll this year.