

# North Carolina 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 North Carolina

Of 489 eligible schools, 31% earned a place on the 2023 AP School Honor Roll.<sup>1</sup>

AP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL AWARD	PERCENT OF ALL ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS: NORTH CAROLINA	PERCENT OF ALL ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS: US AND CANADA
 <b>Bronze</b>	7%	9%
 <b>Silver</b>	8%	9%
 <b>Gold</b>	7%	6%
 <b>Platinum</b>	10%	6%

 In addition, **27%** of North Carolina 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: NORTH CAROLINA	AVERAGE ACROSS ALL ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS: US AND CANADA
<b>Took at least 1 AP Exam</b>	43%	41%
<b>Scored 3+ on at least 1 AP Exam</b>	26%	25%
<b>Took 5+ AP Exams, at least 1 in 9th or 10th grade<sup>2</sup></b>	9%	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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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  
AP & INSTRUCTION

## 2023 North Carolina AP School Honor Roll Recipients

DISTRICT	OVERALL TIER	SCHOOL NAME
Asheville City School District	Bronze	Asheville High School
Buncombe County Schools	Bronze with Access	A C Reynolds High School
Burke County Public Schools	Bronze with Access	Robert Logan Patton High School
Cabarrus County Schools	Silver	Hickory Ridge High School
Cabarrus County Schools	Bronze	Cox Mill High School
Cabarrus County Schools	Bronze	Northwest Cabarrus High School
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	Platinum with Access	Chapel Hill High School
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	Platinum with Access	East Chapel Hill High School
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	Platinum	Carrboro High School
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Gold with Access	Ardrey Kell High School
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Bronze with Access	Levine Middle College High School
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Gold	Providence High School
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Gold	South Mecklenburg High School
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Silver	Myers Park High School
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Silver	Northwest School of the Arts
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Bronze	David W Butler High School
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Bronze	East Mecklenburg High School
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Bronze	Merancas Middle College High School
Chatham County Schools	Bronze with Access	Jordan Matthews High School
Chatham County Schools	Bronze	Northwood High School
Cumberland County Schools	Silver	Massey Hill Classical High School
Cumberland County Schools	Bronze	Jack Britt High School
Dare County School District	Silver with Access	First Flight High School
Davie County Schools	Bronze	Davie High School
Diocese of Charlotte Education Office	Platinum with Access	Christ the King Catholic High School
Diocese of Raleigh Education Office	Gold	Cardinal Gibbons High School
Diocese of Raleigh Education Office	Bronze	John Paul II Catholic High School
Durham Public Schools	Bronze with Access	City of Medicine Academy
Durham Public Schools	Platinum	Durham School of the Arts
Durham Public Schools	Silver	Charles E Jordan Senior High School
Durham Public Schools	Bronze	Riverside High School
Gaston County Schools	Gold with Access	Highland School Of Technology

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Guilford County Schools	Platinum with Access	Northwest Guilford High School
Guilford County Schools	Platinum with Access	STEM Early College at North Carolina A&T
Guilford County Schools	Platinum with Access	Weaver Academy
Guilford County Schools	Gold with Access	Western Guilford High School
Guilford County Schools	Silver with Access	Northern Guilford High School
Guilford County Schools	Silver with Access	Southwest Guilford High School
Guilford County Schools	Bronze with Access	Southeast Guilford High School
Guilford County Schools	Platinum	The Early College at Guilford
Guilford County Schools	Gold	Grimsley High School
Guilford County Schools	Gold	Walter Hines Page High School
Guilford County Schools	Bronze	Ragsdale High School
Iredell-Statesville Schools	Bronze with Access	South Iredell High School
Iredell-Statesville Schools	Silver	Lake Norman High School
Lincoln County Schools	Silver with Access	East Lincoln High School
Lincoln County Schools	Bronze	North Lincoln High School
Moore County Schools	Bronze	Pinecrest High School
New Hanover County Schools	Silver	John T Hoggard High School
Newton-Conover City School District	Platinum with Access	Discovery High School
Orange County Schools	Bronze with Access	Cedar Ridge High School
Orange County Schools	Bronze	Orange High School
Pitt County Schools	Silver	Junius H Rose High School
Union County Public Schools	Silver with Access	Cuthbertson High School
Union County Public Schools	Gold	Marvin Ridge High School
Union County Public Schools	Gold	Weddington High School
Union County Public Schools	Silver	Central Academy of Technology and Arts
Wake County Public School System	Gold with Access	Apex Friendship High School
Wake County Public School System	Gold with Access	Holly Springs High School
Wake County Public School System	Gold with Access	North Wake College And Career Academy
Wake County Public School System	Silver with Access	Vernon Malone College and Career Academy
Wake County Public School System	Platinum	Green Hope High School
Wake County Public School System	Platinum	Green Level High School
Wake County Public School System	Gold	Enloe Magnet High School

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Wake County Public School System	Gold	Heritage High School
Wake County Public School System	Gold	Middle Creek High School
Wake County Public School System	Gold	Millbrook High School
Wake County Public School System	Gold	Needham B Broughton High School
Wake County Public School System	Gold	Panther Creek High School
Wake County Public School System	Silver	Apex High School
Wake County Public School System	Silver	Crossroads Flex High School
Wake County Public School System	Silver	Fuquay-Varina High School
Wake County Public School System	Silver	Leesville Road High School
Wake County Public School System	Silver	Sanderson High School
Wake County Public School System	Silver	Wake Forest High School
Wake County Public School System	Bronze	Wakefield High School
Watauga County Schools	Silver	Watauga High School
Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools	Gold	Atkins Academic/Technology High School
Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools	Silver	Ronald Wilson Reagan High School
Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools	Bronze	Mount Tabor High School
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Platinum with Access	Raleigh Charter High School
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Gold with Access	Henderson Collegiate High School
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Gold with Access	Lake Norman Charter
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Silver with Access	Franklin Academy High School
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Silver with Access	North Carolina Leadership Academy
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Bronze with Access	Piedmont Classical High School
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Bronze with Access	Union Academy Charter School
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Platinum	Community School of Davidson High School
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Platinum	Cornerstone Charter Academy
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Platinum	Franklin School of Innovation

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North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Platinum	Pine Lake Preparatory
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Platinum	Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Platinum	Triangle Math And Science Academy
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Platinum	Woods Charter School
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Gold	Eno River Academy
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Gold	Longleaf School of the Arts
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Gold	UNC - High School of the Arts
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Silver	Bradford Preparatory School
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Silver	Corvian Community School
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Silver	Mountain Island Charter School
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Silver	Pinnacle Classical Academy
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Silver	Voyager Academy High School
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Bronze	Hawbridge School
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction	Bronze	Roxboro Community School
N/A	Platinum with Access	Christ School
N/A	Platinum with Access	O'Neal School
N/A	Platinum with Access	The Oakwood School
N/A	Gold with Access	Salem Academy
N/A	Silver with Access	Gaston Day School
N/A	Silver with Access	Hickory Grove Christian School
N/A	Bronze with Access	Village Christian Academy
N/A	Platinum	Arendell Parrott Academy

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N/A	Platinum	Asheville School
N/A	Platinum	Caldwell Academy
N/A	Platinum	Calvary Day School
N/A	Platinum	Cannon School
N/A	Platinum	Cape Fear Academy
N/A	Platinum	Carmel Christian School
N/A	Platinum	Carolina Day School
N/A	Platinum	Cary Christian School
N/A	Platinum	Charlotte Latin School
N/A	Platinum	Covenant Day School
N/A	Platinum	Durham Academy Upper School
N/A	Platinum	Epiphany School of GS
N/A	Platinum	Fayetteville Academy
N/A	Platinum	Forsyth Country Day School
N/A	Platinum	Grace Christian School
N/A	Platinum	Greenfield School
N/A	Platinum	Greensboro Day School
N/A	Platinum	Providence Day School
N/A	Platinum	Ravenscroft School
N/A	Platinum	Saint David's School
N/A	Platinum	Saint Mary's School
N/A	Platinum	Thales Academy: Apex
N/A	Platinum	Trinity Academy of Raleigh
N/A	Platinum	Westchester Country Day School
N/A	Gold	Burlington Christian Academy
N/A	Gold	Charlotte Christian School
N/A	Gold	Cresset Christian Academy
N/A	Gold	Davidson Day School
N/A	Gold	North Raleigh Christian Academy
N/A	Gold	Rocky Mount Academy
N/A	Gold	Wayne Country Day School
N/A	Gold	Wesleyan Christian Academy

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N/A	Silver	Asheville Christian Academy
N/A	Silver	Coastal Christian High School
N/A	Silver	Faith Christian School
N/A	Silver	University Christian High School
N/A	Bronze	The Burlington School
N/A	Bronze	Gaston Christian School
N/A	Bronze	High Point Christian Academy
N/A	Bronze	Liberty Preparatory Christian Academy