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# South Dakota 2025 AP<sup>®</sup> 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 South Dakota

Of 41 qualifying schools, 17% earned a place on the 2025 AP School Honor Roll.<sup>1</sup>

AP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL AWARD	PERCENT OF QUALIFYING SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOLS	PERCENT OF ALL QUALIFYING SCHOOLS: US AND CANADA
 Platinum	2%	8%
 Gold	0%	7%
 Silver	7%	11%
 Bronze	7%	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 SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOLS	AVERAGE ACROSS ALL QUALIFYING SCHOOLS: US AND CANADA
Took at least 1 AP Exam	29%	44%
Scored 3+ on at least 1 AP Exam	20%	29%
Took 5+ AP Exams, at least 1 in 9th or 10th grade	3%	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.”

<sup>1</sup> 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 South Dakota AP School Honor Roll Recipients

DISTRICT	SCHOOL NAME	OVERALL TIER
Diocese of Rapid City Education Office	Saint Thomas More High School ▲	Platinum
Diocese of Sioux Falls Education Office	O'Gorman High School	Silver
Harrisburg School District 41-2	Harrisburg High School	Bronze
Sioux Falls School District	Jefferson High School	Bronze
Sioux Falls School District	Lincoln High School	Silver
Sioux Falls School District	Roosevelt High School ★	Bronze
Sioux Falls School District	Washington High School	Silver

★ New to the Honor Roll this year.

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

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