

## **NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT**

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## Advanced Placement (AP) Report Shows Boost in OR Participation

Deputy Superintendent Colt Gill released the following statement about the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Cohort Data Report for the Graduating Class of 2017.

"It is encouraging to see growth in the number of students taking AP courses and the number scoring well enough to earn college credit. But we can do more to remove barriers, provide supports, and make sure more students -- especially our historically underserved student groups -- are participating in challenging programs of all types. The Legislature has provided support to encourage equity in these programs by completely funding AP exam fees for economically disadvantaged students. We believe the High School Success investment that voters approved and lawmakers funded will only increase access to programs like AP. Students enrolled in AP classes are more likely to attend high school and have higher graduation rates. The fact that High School Success funds can be used for college credit opportunities like AP, including the training of AP teachers, will help all districts contribute to the effort of boosting graduation rates in Oregon, and improving students' preparedness for their next steps after high school."

<u>Click here</u> for an overview of the AP results nationwide. <u>Click here</u> to access state-by-state breakdowns.