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## **Utah Ranks 10<sup>th</sup> in Percentage of Students Passing AP Exams; Canyons, Davis, Nebo School Districts Named to AP Honor Roll**

SALT LAKE CITY – The College Board today announced that with more than one out of five members of the class of 2011 passing an Advanced Placement (AP) exam, Utah ranked tenth in the nation for percentage of students passing AP exams. Utah, California, and Colorado were the only three Western states in the top 10.

Additionally, the College Board announced today that the Canyons, Davis and Nebo school districts were named to the AP Honor Roll for showing both increased participation and increased performance on AP tests for three consecutive years. For Davis, this marks the second consecutive year it has made the AP Honor Roll.

The AP Report to the Nation, also released today, showed a total of 18,508 Utah students (more than 1,000 additional students than in 2010 and 94 percent of them from public schools) took 29,851 AP exams in 2011 and passed them at a rate of 68 percent. This represents a 7.5 percent increase in AP participation in Utah and an increase of 1 percent in passage rates. Utah students substantially outperformed their national peers, who passed

the exams at a rate of 58 percent, the same rate as the previous year, College Board data showed. Passing AP tests means the student scored a 3, 4 or 5 on the test, thus earning college credit.

Participation in AP exams in 2011 was up across all ethnic and racial lines in Utah.

For more information on AP and SAT scores, please visit

<http://apreport.collegeboard.org/>.

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#### **Top States for Percentage of Students Earning AP Credit**

<b>State</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Maryland	27.9
New York	26.5
Virginia	25.6
Massachusetts	25.5
Connecticut	25.3
Florida	23.9
California	23.4
Colorado	22.3
Vermont	21.4
Utah	20.7

### **Top 10 Utah Public High Schools AP Participation**

<b>School</b>	<b>Test Takers</b>
Davis High School, Kaysville	741
Alta High School, Sandy	667
Skyline High School, Holladay	592
Park City High School, Park City	539
Hillcrest High School, Midvale	527
Lone Peak High School, Highland	522
Brighton High School, Cottonwood Heights	483
Woods Cross High School, Woods Cross	408
Highland High School, Salt Lake City	389
Pleasant Grove High School, Pleasant Grove	364

### **Top 10 Utah Public High Schools AP Passing Rate**

<b>School</b>	<b>% Tests 3, 4 or 5</b>
Green River High School, Green River	100
Ogden Preparatory Academy, Ogden	100
Davis High School, Kaysville	85.0
Intech Collegiate High School, North Logan	83.0
Park City High School, Park City	80.9
Brighton High School, Cottonwood Heights	80.3
Bountiful High School, Bountiful	79.9
American Fork High School, American Fork	79.2
Olympus High School, Holladay	79.2
Mountain View High School, Orem	78.6