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Utah Students Make Gains in AP Pass Rates and SAT Scores in 2010

SALT LAKE CITY – A total of 17,210 Utah students (93 percent of them public school students) took Advance Placement (AP) exams in 2010 and passed them at a rate of 67 percent, according to data released today by the College Board, creators of the AP exams. This represents a 5.2 percent increase in AP participation in Utah and an increase of 2 percent in passage rates. Utah students substantially outperformed their national peers, who passed the exams at a rate of 58 percent, 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 was up across almost all ethnic and racial lines, but up highest among black students (37.5 percent), Hispanic students (21.5 percent) and Asian/Pacific Islander students (12.1 percent). American Indian student participation decreased 2 percent, representing two fewer students taking AP exams in 2009 than did in 2008.

"This data again shows what an incredible return on investment Utah taxpayers are getting out of their public schools," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Larry K.

Shumway. "What I see here is that Utah schools are doing an exceptional job of preparing those students who are interested college-level work while in high school, and we're slowly but surely increasing the base of Utah students who are prepared for college and careers to be more reflective of Utah's increasingly diverse population."

The College Board today also released data on 2010 Utah student performance on the SAT college entrance exam. A total of 1,933 Utah students (53 percent of them from public schools) took the SAT and scored a mean score of 568 on reading (a nine point increase over 2008), 559 on math (a one point increase) and 547 on writing (a seven point increase). National mean scores were 501 in reading, 516 in math and 492 in writing. Relatively few Utah students sit for the SAT exam, opting instead for the ACT exam which is used by all Utah public colleges and universities. Many Utah students who take the SAT intend to attend college on either the east or west coast.

For more information on AP and SAT scores, please visit http://professionals.collegeboard.com/data-reports-research/sat/cb-seniors-2010.

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Top 10 Utah Public High Schools AP Participation

School	Test Takers
Davis High School, Kaysville	698
Alta High School, Sandy	615
Park City High School, Park City	571
Lone Peak High School, Highland	526
Skyline High School, Holladay	518
Hillcrest High School, Midvale	480
Brighton High School, Cottonwood Heights	372
Highland High School, Salt Lake City	363
Riverton High School, Riverton	362
Weber High School, Pleasant View	356

Top 10 Utah Public High Schools AP Passing Rate

School	% Tests 3, 4 or 5
Davis High School, Kaysville	86.8
Bountiful High School, Bountiful	85.0
Brighton High School, Cottonwood Heights	80.7
Mountain View High School, Orem	80.3
Olympus High School, Holladay	79.9
Timpanogos High School, Orem	79.3
Lone Peak High School, Highland	78.5
Timpview High School, Provo	78.3
Viewmont High School, Bountiful	78.2
Itineris Early College High School, West Jordan	76.9

Top 10 Utah Public High Schools SAT Participation

School	Test Takers
Skyline High School, Holladay	85
West High School, Salt Lake City	81
Park City High School, Park City	67
Brighton High School, Cottonwood Heights	50
Hillcrest High School, Orem	44
Davis High School, Kaysville	31
Timpview High School, Provo	31
Alta High School, Cottonwood Heights	30
East High School, Salt Lake City	30

Top 10 Utah Public High Schools SAT Total Average Mean Score

School	Score
Success Academy, Cedar City	1,965
Utah County Academy of Science, Orem	1,950
American Fork High School, American Fork	1,940
Mountain View High School, Orem	1,919
Timpanogos High School, Orem	1,918
Orem High School, Orem	1,912
Timpview High School, Provo	1,906
Bountiful High School, Bountiful	1,899
Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy, Lindon	1,890
Viewmont High School, Bountiful	1,881