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Utah Now Tied for 7th in Nation for Percentage of Students Passing AP Exams

SALT LAKE CITY – The College Board today announced that with one out of four members of the class of 2013 passing an Advanced Placement (AP) exam, Utah rose nationally to a seventh place tie with New York for percentage of students passing AP exams. In 2012, 22 percent of Utah seniors earned college credit through AP exams and the state ranked 11th in the nation for percentage of student passing AP exams.

“Obviously this is terrific news,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Martell Menlove. “But it’s also important to remember that Utah’s increasing AP success rate is only part of what our schools are doing to prepare students for college and careers. Utah had more than 1,100 students involved in the International Baccalaureate program, passing more than 1,400 IB exams that can earn college credit. Even more popular is the concurrent enrollment program where more than 27,000 Utah high school students earned nearly 190,000 college credit hours.”

The College Board noted 20,638 Utah public school students took 33,217 AP exams during the 2012-13 school year with 22,398 of those exams earning a score of 3, 4, or 5, which can translate into

college credits. That represents an 8.4 percent increase in the number of Utah students taking AP exams over the prior year.

The Utah State Office of Education notes that in that same time period, 1,132 Utah students enrolled in the International Baccalaureate program passed 1,406 IB exams, which can also translate into college credit. This represents a 1 percent increase in students taking IB exams. The office also noted 27,444 Utah students earned 189,417 college credits through the state's concurrent enrollment program in which students take college-level courses while in high school. This represents a 2 percent increase in concurrent enrollment. All three programs offer substantial cost savings to students and their parents over enrolling and passing college courses.

For more information on the AP Report to the Nation, please visit

<http://apreport.collegeboard.org/>. To view the Utah supplement to the AP Report to the Nation, please visit <http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/ap/rtn/10th-annual/10th-annual-ap-report-state-supplement-utah.pdf>.

For more information on the concurrent enrollment program in Utah, please visit

[http://www.schools.utah.gov/CURR/earlycollege/Concurrent-Enrollment/Annual-Reports/FINAL_1213_CC_Report_Blue-140107PUBLISH-\(2\).aspx](http://www.schools.utah.gov/CURR/earlycollege/Concurrent-Enrollment/Annual-Reports/FINAL_1213_CC_Report_Blue-140107PUBLISH-(2).aspx). For more information on the International Baccalaureate program in Utah, please visit <http://www.schools.utah.gov/CURR/earlycollege/International-Baccalaureate.aspx>.

Top 10 States

for Percentage of Students Earning AP Credit

State	Percentage
Maryland	29.6
Connecticut	28.8
Virginia	28.3
Massachusetts	27.9
Florida	27.3
California	26.9
Utah	25.4
New York	25.4
Colorado	24.4
New Jersey	23.6
National Average	20.1

Most Popular AP Tests Taken in Utah

Subject	Test Takers
United States History	4,180
English Literature & Composition	3,745
English Language & Composition	3,589
Calculus AB	2,888
Psychology	2,289
Statistics	1,775
U.S. Government and Politics	1,738
Biology	1,445
European History	1,421
World History	1,187