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Utah Public Schools Increase Participation, Diversity and Scores on AP; Participation Down, but Scores Up on SAT Exam

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah public students achieved a remarkable trifecta in the 2013 school year by increasing overall participation in Advanced Placement (AP) exams by more than 8 percent, increasing minority participation in those same exams between 11 and 23 percent, and increasing the overall success rate on the exams by more than 7 percent.

A total of 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 credit. This represents an increase of 8.4 percent students taking exams, an 8.7 percent increase in number of exams taken, and a 7.1 percent increase in exams with scores of 3, 4, or 5, the College Board reported today. Utah minority student population also increased its participation rates, the College Board noted. Mexican-American participation increased 10.7 percent, Asian participation increased 19 percent, American Indian 21.1 percent, black 22.5 percent, and Hispanic 23.3 percent. White participation increased 8.5 percent.

Utah public school students earned college credit on AP exams at a rate of 67.4 percent, easily besting the national rate of 56.9 percent.

“It’s very gratifying to see more of our students from a variety of backgrounds opting to voluntarily increase the rigor of their education by participating and succeeding in this program,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Martell Menlove. “This is a measurable step forward in meeting the challenges of helping all Utah students become college and career ready.”

The College Board also reported that Utah public schools saw an 8.3 percent drop in SAT college entrance exam participation in 2013, but saw reading scores increase seven points to 594, a one-point decrease in math scores and a 6-point increase in writing scores over 2012 rates. Utah SAT participation is waning as participation in the ACT exam, the other major college entrance exam, approaches 100 percent. Nationally, the average SAT reading score was 491 (even with 2012 rates), math 503 (down two points), and writing 480 (down one point), the College Board noted.

More information: http://press.collegeboard.org/sat

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Top 10 Utah Public High Schools for AP Participation

School	Test Takers
Davis High School, Kaysville	908
Skyline High School, Holladay	685
Alta High School, Sandy	662
Lone Peak High School, Highland	651
Hillcrest High School, Midvale	626
Park City High School, Park City	545
Brighton High School, Cottonwood Heights	512
Viewmont High School, Bountiful	480
Copper Hills High School, West Jordan	476
Bountiful High School, Bountiful	420

Top 10 Utah Public High Schools for AP Passing Rate

School	% Tests 3, 4, or 5
Mountain View High School, Orem	86.3
Juab High School, Nephi	85.7
North Summit High School, Coalville	85.7
Olympus Junior High, Holladay	84.8
Bountiful High School, Bountiful	83.9
Davis High School, Kaysville	83.5
Piute High School, Junction	83.3
Lone Peak High School, Highland	83.1
American Fork High School, American Fork	80.8
Lehi High School, Lehi	79.9

Top 10 Utah Public High Schools for SAT Participation

School	Test Takers
Skyline High School, Holladay	123
West High School, Salt Lake City	87
Park City High School, Park City	66
Brighton High School, Cottonwood Heights	48
Hillcrest High School, Midvale	36
Olympus High School, Holladay	31
Alta High School, Sandy	28
Bingham High School, South Jordan	22
Davis High School, Kaysville	22
Herriman High School, Herriman	22

Top 10 Utah Public High Schools for SAT Total Average Mean Score

School	Score
Logan High School, Logan	2000
Woods Cross High School, Woods Cross	1985
Clearfield High School, Clearfield	1962
Wasatch High School, Heber City	1946
West High School, Salt Lake City	1929
Davis High School, Kaysville	1885
Timpview High School, Provo	1876
Sky View High School, Smithfield	1852
American Fork High School, American Fork	1838
Bountiful High School, Bountiful	1831