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Students Earn College Credits for High School Classes AP Exam Scores

HOUSTON COUNTY - Advanced Placement (AP) scores were released by the College Board for the 2011 test administration this month. Houston students out-performed the global average, as well as the state and southern region average scores.

AP is an international program of college level courses and exams for secondary students. The AP Program currently offers more than 30 courses across multiple subject areas. Each course is developed by a committee composed of college faculty and AP teachers, and covers the breadth of information, skills, and assignments found in the corresponding college course. Participating students receive an academic year of college level instruction while earning high school credit. Each May students have the opportunity to take an AP exam in their respective course of study(ies).

Every exam receives an overall grade of a five-point scale: 5 = extremely well qualified; 4 = well qualified; 3 = qualified; 2 = possibly qualified; and 1 = no recommendation. College credit is awarded to students in accordance with the receiving institution's credit policy.

Houston County schools have exhibited a growth trend in AP classes and exams over the last five years. In May 2006, 886 AP exams were given in Houston County. This May, 1,213 AP exams were given in Houston County. In 2011, exams with a qualifying score of 3, 4, or 5 totaled 760, saving parents an estimated \$1,800,000 in college tuition.

A geographic comparison is provided for 2011.

2011 Mean Scores

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| Houston County | 2.95 |
| Georgia | 2.74 |
| United States | 2.84 |
| Global | 2.86 |

For more information, visit the College Board Web site, www.collegeboard.com, or contact Jan Jacobsen, director of gifted education and AP coordinator, at 478-988-6200, ext. 10393, or Jan.Jacobsen@hcbe.net.

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