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King George County Honored by College Board *Division Increased Advanced Placement Participation and Achievement*

RICHMOND, Va.--The College Board honored King George County Public Schools today by placing the Northern Neck school division on the [6th Annual AP District Honor Roll](#). The recognition spotlights King George County's success in increasing access to Advanced Placement (AP) courses while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of three or higher on AP examinations. By taking an AP course and earning a qualifying score on the corresponding test, high school students can earn college credit.

"King George County has earned this distinction four times since the College Board began recognizing districts for outstanding work with AP," Superintendent of Public Instruction Steven R. Staples said. "I congratulate Superintendent Robert Benson, Principal Jesse Boyd, and the teachers of King George High for their success in preparing students — regardless of their backgrounds — for these challenging courses and assessments."

Inclusion on the honor roll is based on AP data from 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. To earn a place on the honor roll, school districts must:

- Increase participation in AP courses by at least four percent in large districts, at least six percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts (this category includes King George County);
- Increase or maintain the percentage of exams taken by black, Hispanic and other historically under-represented minority students; and
- Increase or maintain the percentage of students scoring a three or higher on at least one AP exam, unless 70 percent of the district's AP students are already earning at least one qualifying score.

The College Board recognized Virginia this past March for having the nation's third-highest percentage of public high school seniors qualifying for college credit on AP exams. According to the College Board, 30 percent of the commonwealth's 2014 graduating seniors earned a grade of three or higher on at least one AP exam, compared with 28.3 percent in 2013.

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