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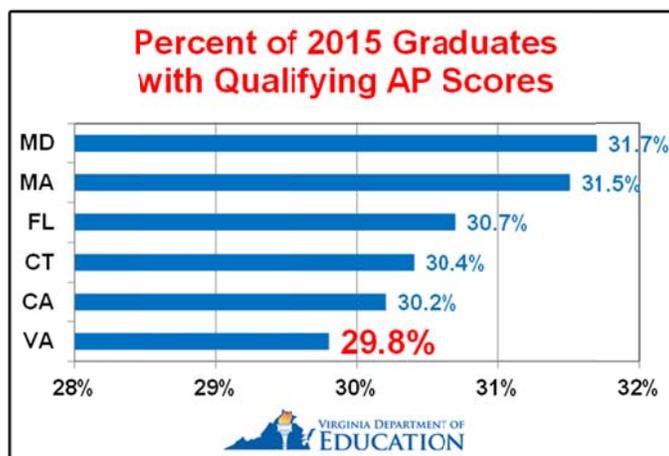
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Virginia Students Among Nation’s Top AP Achievers *Nearly Thirty Percent of State’s 2015 Graduates Earn Qualifying Scores*

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia has the nation’s sixth-highest percentage of public high school seniors qualifying for college credit on Advanced Placement (AP) examinations, according to data released today by the College Board, the nonprofit organization that manages the AP program.

According to the College Board, 29.8 percent of the commonwealth’s 2015 graduating seniors earned a score of three or higher on at least one AP examination. Nationwide, 22.4 percent of 2015’s graduating seniors achieved a score of three or higher on at least one AP test.

Scores of three or higher on AP tests are seen as indicative of college-level work, although colleges and universities set their own policies for the awarding credit.



Of the 35,242 class of 2015 graduates who took at least one AP test during their high school careers, 22,979 — or 65 percent — earned at least one qualifying score.

The 10 most popular AP courses among Virginia’s 2015 graduating seniors were, in descending order, U.S. History, followed by English Language and Composition, U.S. Government and Politics, English Literature and Composition, Psychology, World History, Calculus AB, Statistics, Biology and Environmental Science.

Thirty percent of Virginia’s 2014 public high school graduates earned scores of three or higher on AP examinations.

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