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## Randolph High School Students Receive Higher Advanced Placement Test Scores

**For Immediate Release:** Randolph Township High School students scored higher than in previous years on Advanced Placement Exams in the 2014-15 school year, representing a 10 percent increase over the previous year in students achieving the highest possible scores (4 or 5) on the exams, Randolph Superintendent of Schools David Browne has announced.

In fact, 93 percent of Randolph High School students who took an Advanced Placement (AP) exam scored at least a 3 or higher, compared to 61 percent of test takers globally and 73 percent of test takers in New Jersey. Students can score a 1-5 on an Advanced Placement exam, but most universities require that students receive a 3, 4 or a 5 on an AP exam to be eligible to receive college level credit.

In the 2014-15 school year, Dr. Browne noted that 28 percent of Randolph High School students who took AP exams scored a 5 compared to 20 percent of test takers in New Jersey and 13 percent globally. In addition, 36 percent of Randolph High School students who took AP exams this past school year scored a 4 compared to 25 percent of test takers in New Jersey and 19 percent of global test takers.

The College Board defines success as a score of 3 or higher “which represents the score point that research finds predictive of college success and college graduation.”

Randolph High School students scored a 4 or 5 on 373 AP exams taken in 2015, according to Randolph Assistant Superintendent Jennifer A. Fano. In 2015, 288 RHS students took 585 exams.

Dr. Browne said he was encouraged by the new test results. “The 10 percent increase in Advanced Placement test scores by our students reflects the hard

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work of our teachers who strive to prepare our students for Advanced Placement exams and higher education," he said. "It also demonstrates the continued support of our Board of Education for the district's Advanced Placement program.

Randolph offers a rigorous Advanced Placement program which provides students with college-level courses, better preparing them for higher education and their careers. Randolph offered 20 Advanced Placement classes to students in 2014-15 and will increase that to 23 classes in 2015-16 with the addition of AP World History, AP Physics II and AP Seminar, according to Jonathan Olsen, the district's Director of Secondary Education/Innovative Learning Specialist. Advanced placement courses offer an optional externally graded assessment near the end of the course to determine student proficiency.

Randolph is one of a handful of school districts selected from across the country for the AP Capstone Program, according to Randolph High School Principal Debbie Iosso. "The AP Capstone program is built on the foundation of two classes: AP Seminar and AP Research and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth and discipline-specific study achieved through Advanced Placement courses," she said. "The AP Capstone program elevates scholarship among our students and results in more independent thinking, better collaboration and more logical evidence-based decision making."

Students who take the AP Seminar class, followed by the AP Research class and receive scores of a 3 or higher on these exams and four other AP exams will receive an AP Capstone Diploma, demonstrating their academic achievement and attainment of college-level academic and research skills. Students who receive a 3 or higher on the AP Seminar and AP research exams and who do not take other AP exams will be eligible to receive an AP Seminar and Research Certificate.

"The AP Seminar and AP Research classes and the Capstone Program will help students prepare for college and will give them more options to receive Advance Placement credit," Mr. Olsen noted. Sixty students have registered for the AP Seminar class for the 2015-16 school year.

"We are especially proud of the Advanced Placement results, but we are also proud of the success of all of our students and strive to meet the needs of every student in Randolph Township Schools," Dr. Browne noted.

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