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# **All Five Paulding County High Schools** Named 2025 State AP Honor Schools

State Superintendent Richard Woods has named all five Paulding County School District high schools to the list of Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Schools for 2025. In a press release, Superintendent Woods announced that East

Paulding High School, Hiram High School, North Paulding High School, Paulding County High School, and South Paulding High School all received honors in multiple AP categories.

Notably, Paulding County High School earned AP Honors in five out of six categories, while both North Paulding High School and South Paulding High School earned AP Honors in four categories.

"I am extremely proud of our high schools for earning these prestigious honors," said Superintendent Steve Barnette. "It is a great achievement that all five of our high schools earned honors in multiple categories. AP participation is a proven indicator of student success at the post-secondary level, and we want to see as many students as possible taking AP courses because exposure to these courses will help prepare students for success today and tomorrow and can help students earn college credit. I also want to commend our AP teachers for implementing an instructional focus that has helped our students succeed in these rigorous courses. It shows our schools are committed to preparing students for future success."

PCSD Chief Academic Officer Tiffany Frachiseur said that increasing Advanced Placement access and performance is one of the school district's strategic academic priorities. "Two or three years ago we homed in on AP participation because we know the impact these courses can have," she said. "It is great to see all of our schools being recognized, and our focus on AP paying off with growth in enrollment and performance."

The following is a list of the categories where Paulding County high schools received AP Honors:

#### **AP Access and Support Schools:**

- **East Paulding High School** •
- **Hiram High School**
- **Paulding County High School**
- **South Paulding High School**

Schools with at least 30 percent of AP exams taken by students who identified as African American and/or Hispanic and 30 percent of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

#### **AP Expansion Schools:**

- **East Paulding High School**
- **Hiram High School**
- **South Paulding High School**



# **PCSD 2025 AP HONOR SCHOOLS**

#### EAST PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL

AP Access and Support School **AP Expansion School** AP STEM School

# **HIRAM HIGH SCHOOL**

AP Access and Support School AP Expansion School

#### NORTH PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL

**AP Humanities School** AP Humanities Achievement School AP STEM School AP STEM Achievement School

#### PAULDING COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

AP Access and Support School **AP Humanities School** AP Humanities Achievement School AP STEM School **AP STEM Achievement School** 

# SOUTH PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL

AP Access and Support School **AP Expansion School AP STEM School** 

AP school with 25 percent growth in AP student participation from May 2023 to May 2024 and minimum of 25 students testing in May 2024.

AP STEM Achievement School

#### **AP Humanities Schools:**

- **North Paulding High School**
- **Paulding County High School**

Schools with at least five exams administered in each of the following AP categories: one ELA course, two social studies courses, one fine arts course, and one world language course.

#### **AP Humanities Achievement Schools:**

- North Paulding High School
- Paulding County High School •

AP Humanities schools (see above definition) with at least 50 percent of all AP Humanities exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

#### **AP STEM Schools:**

- East Paulding High School
- North Paulding High School •
- Paulding County High School ٠
- South Paulding High School

Schools with a minimum of five students testing in at least four AP STEM courses. (AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2, AP Physics C, AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles).

#### **AP STEM Achievement Schools:**

- North Paulding High School
- Paulding County High School
- South Paulding High School

AP STEM schools (see above definition) with at least 50 percent of all AP STEM exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

More information about the 2025 Georgia Advanced Placement Honor Schools can be found here:

https://gadoe.org/press-releases/superintendent-woods-names-2025-ap-honor-schools/

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