

## News Releases

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### DHS AP Scores Impressive

Many DeKalb High School students are qualifying for college credit before they leave high school, and they are doing very well on the tests to earn that credit. More than half the students taking an Advanced Placement Calculus AB test, for example, scored the highest possible score.

In May 2006, 141 DeKalb High School students took one or more of 13 Advanced Placement exams. AP exams are administered by the College Board and can earn high school students college credit or advanced standing in many different subjects. AP exams available at DeKalb High School are Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC (covers the topics of Calculus AB plus additional topics), Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, European History, French Language, U.S. Government and Politics, Spanish Language, Studio Art-Drawing, Studio Art-2D Design, and U.S. History.

Many students took more than one AP exam. So while 141 students were involved, 235 tests were taken. AP exam scores range from 1-5, with 5 being the top score that can be earned. Generally a score of 3 or better is required to earn college credit, depending on the college or university a student attends. On tests taken in May, 45 students scored a top score of 5 on their exams and 76 scored a 4.

Calculus AB had the highest number of 5 scores with 17 students earning the top score (57% of those taking the test). Calculus AB test-takers also showed the highest average score, 4.47. The national percentiles are not available yet, but in 2005 only 20.7% of Calculus AB students scored a 5, so at 57%, DeKalb will likely be well ahead of the national trend.

Other tests where at least 25% of students earned a 5 score were Calculus BC, English Language, and U.S. Government and Politics. In Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, and English Language, 100% of students scored a 3 or higher. In U.S. Government and Politics and in English Literature, 97% of students scored three or higher. In European History, the most popular test with 46 students taking the exam, 89% scored three or higher. In Chemistry, 83% scored 3 or higher. In U.S. History, 69% scored 3 or higher. In French and Studio Art-Drawing, half the students scored a 3.

DeKalb High School teachers and students have a lot to be proud of in their AP program.