

## The Pathway to the Promise."



The AP=College program is a major component of the Pittsburgh Public Schools' Pathways to the Promise, our commitment to provide programs that reinforce high expectations, promote aspirations of higher education, ensure that students are eligible for the Pittsburgh Promise® scholarship, and are college ready after graduation.

The District's AP=College Program revolves around the following goals:

- Increasing the number of AP STEM and English courses at every school,
- 2. Increasing AP participation, particularly among African American students, and
- 3. Increasing AP exam success, particularly among African American students.

The Office of Gifted and Talented Education supports AP programming in three main areas:

- 1. AP Student Support Programs,
- 2. AP Teacher Support, and
- 3. AP Curriculum Development.

The number of students taking 1 or more AP exams has increased by 92% since 2009. The amount of students taking 1 or more AP exams has increased by 53% since 2009 and 30% increase since 2014. The number of AP exams taken by African American students has increased by 76% since 2009 and has increase by 35% since 2014.

Chart 1a: PPS AP Exam Participation 2009-2015

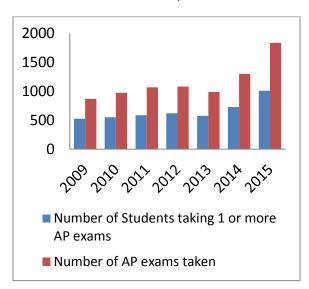
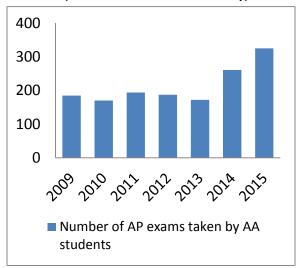


Chart 1b: PPS AP Exam Participation 2009-2015 (African American Students Only)

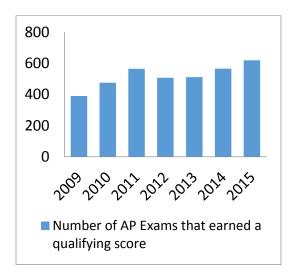


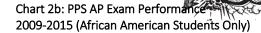
Further, the number of AP exams that earned qualifying scores (3, 4, 5) has increased by 59% since 2009. This is an increase of 15% from 2014, and the number of AP exams taken by African American students that earn qualifying scores has more than doubled since 2009.

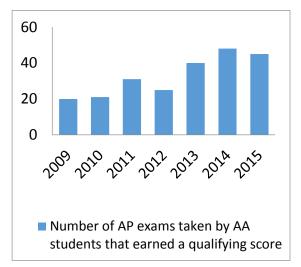
Pittsburgh Brashear & Sci-Tech implemented the National Math + Science AP Program at the start of the 2013-14 school year. The number of AP Math, Science and English exams that earned qualifying scores at these two schools increased by 150% since 2013 (48 exams in 2013, 120 exams in 2015).



Chart 2a: PPS AP Exam Performance 2009-2015







The number of AP courses offered increased either increased or stayed the same in the high schools. Obama Academy is an IB school and therefore does not offer AP courses.

Table 1: AP Course Offerings 2010-2011 - 2015-2016

School	Number of AP Courses Offered					
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Allderdice	19	21	22	24	24	24
Brashear	9	12	11	12	15	15
CAPA	10	12	10	9	9	10
Carrick	7	8	7	7	7	8
Perry	6	5	6	5	5	5
Sci Tech	0	1	2	2*	4*	*7
U Prep	2	5	4	4	6	6
Westinghouse	1	1	3	3	3	4
Total	54	65	65	66	73	79

<sup>\*</sup>Although they are not designated as AP courses, advanced science course at Sci Tech will prepare students for the AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, and AP Computers Science A exams. Only two of the advanced courses are not listed as AP for the 2015-2016 SY

During the 2015-2016 school year, 1402 students enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement course. The number of students enrolled in AP courses and the number of African American students enrolled in AP courses has doubled since 2009.

Chart 3a: AP Enrollments 2009-2016

