



# SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Spring-Ford Area School District Makes 5<sup>th</sup> Annual AP District Honor Roll List

**ROYERSFORD, PA** – Spring-Ford Area School District was recognized as one of 547 districts across the U.S. and Canada in the 5th Annual AP District Honor Roll. The Honor Roll honors districts who have increased access to Advanced Placement (AP)<sup>®</sup> course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. Reaching these goals indicates that these districts are successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are likely to benefit from rigorous AP course work.

Spring-Ford Area School District is one of only 41 districts in Pennsylvania which made the list, and one of only 21 districts who have achieved this honor for multiple years. “We have consistently increased the number of AP course offered each year, and have seen great results from our students,” said Spring-Ford Area High School Principal, Pat Nugent. “Our students recognize the long-term benefit of taking AP courses in high school, they see that they are ahead of the game when they reach college and are more comfortable with collegiate level work.”

Inclusion on the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of three years of AP data, from 2012 to 2014, for the following criteria:

- Increased participation/access to AP by at least 4% in large districts, at least 6% in medium districts, and at least 11% in small districts;
- Increased or maintained the percentage of exams taken by African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native students, and;
- Improved performance levels when comparing the percentage of students in 2014 scoring a 3 or higher to those in 2012, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70% of its AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.

**ABOUT THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM:** AP is a program in the United States and Canada, created by the College Board, which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. American colleges and universities often grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations.

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