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DISTRICT SCHOOLS NAMED AP HONOR SCHOOLS BY GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MACON, GA – This week, State School Superintendent Richard Woods named four District schools Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Schools. Howard, Rutland, Southwest and Westside High Schools were each named 2016 AP Honor Schools.

AP classes and exams are administered by the College Board, which also administers the SAT. These courses offer rigorous college-level learning options to students in high school. Students who receive a 3, 4 or 5 on AP exams may receive college credit.

In an effort to enhance the AP Program, the District has established a partnership with the College Board to foster an academic program that yields universal achievement and college and career readiness for all students. The District's ultimate goal is to increase overall AP participation and performance; increase depth of knowledge by expanding stakeholder capacity and pipeline for college and career readiness; and increase participation on the SAT to enforce a serious college-going culture.

"We are very proud of our students' and teachers' efforts and commend them for these accomplishments. We offered 26 AP courses and administered 1,727 tests to our high school students during the 2014-2015 school year. The Bibb County School District understands the importance of offering these courses to increase students' post-secondary options. We are dedicated to continuing our efforts in improving our program to prepare our students for college and career readiness," said Dr. Tanzy Kilcrease, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning.

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*Vision: Each student demonstrates strength of character and is college or career ready.
Mission: The Bibb County School District will develop a highly trained staff and an engaged community dedicated to educating each student for a 21st century global society.*

Bibb schools were named AP Honor Schools in three categories based on results of 2015 AP classes and exams:

AP STEM Schools: Howard, Rutland and Westside High Schools

Schools with students testing in at least two AP math courses and two AP science courses (AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics B, AP Physics C, AP Computer Science).

AP Challenge Schools: Southwest High School

Schools with enrollments of 900 or fewer students and students testing in four of the core areas – math, English, science and social studies.

AP Humanities Schools: Howard High School

Schools with students testing in all of the following AP courses: at least one ELA course, two social science courses, one fine arts course and one world language course.

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