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Ninth Annual AP Report Released Today; Wyoming participation in AP courses on the rise

CHEYENNE – The Ninth Annual College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Report to the Nation is available today for the 2011-2012 school year. The report compiles statistics for each state and school in the nation, including test scores of students taking AP courses.

The report includes test data for all 48 Wyoming public school districts, and students across the Cowboy State who participated in the program and took more than 2,000 AP tests. According to Wyoming Department of Education data, 1,287 students participated in AP courses in the 2011-12 school year. The state posted a slight program participation gain of 2 percent, compared with a national gain of about 6 percent.

Several districts, including Teton #1, Sublette #1, Uinta #4, Sweetwater #1, Big Horn #4, Sheridan #2, and Albany #1 managed a 30 percent or greater participation in the AP Program.

Twenty-nine percent of those participants tested in Teton #1, Sheridan #2, and Albany #1 scored a three or higher on an exam taken during high school. AP class score tests on a 1-5 scale with five being highest possible score.

High school students take AP courses to get a head start on college in a variety of intensive coursework including science, math, languages, history and economics. AP participants then take exams that measure and rate students' overall mastery in specific academic disciplines.

High scores may allow them to skip introductory college classes.

For the complete report and state-by-state details, logon to <http://www.collegeboard.org/>.

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