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## Utah Public Schools Again Increase Participation, Diversity on AP; Participation Down, but Scores Up Again on SAT Exam

SALT LAKE CITY – A total of 21,600 Utah public school students – a 5 percent increase over the previous year – took advanced placement (AP) exams in 2014 while maintaining last year’s 67 percent rate of earning college credit on those exams, according to College Board data. The College Board also noted Utah’s average SAT scores increased in reading, math and writing in 2014, but just 959 public school students took the test, a decrease of 8.1 percent.

Diversity also increased on AP exams in Utah including a 20.8 percent increase in Mexican American student participation, an 8.2 percent increase in black student participation and a 5.9 percent increase in Asian student participation. White student participation increased 3.5 percent. Only American Indian student participation decreased. That was by 12.8 percent or 14 students.

Utah public school students scored a 3, 4 or 5 on the AP exams – good enough to earn college credit – at a rate of 67 percent, compared to the national rate of 57 percent.

“The really good news here is that in comparable demographics – students who are college bound – Utah’s public school students are performing consistently well,” said State

Superintendent of Public Instruction Joel Coleman. “About a quarter of our graduating seniors earn college credit through AP while in high school. Another 27,000 students – probably with some overlap – earn college credit through concurrent enrollment. Both AP and concurrent enrollment participants are looking more and more like our public schools as a whole and this bodes well for our future.”

The College Board also reported that 84 fewer Utah public school students took SAT college entrance exam in 2014, but the mean scores in reading were up 4 points to 598, math mean scores up 7 points to 594 and writing mean scores up 4 points to 573. Comparative national scores were 492 in reading (flat), 501 in math (down 2 points) and 478 in writing (also down 2 points). Utah SAT participation is waning as all students now take the ACT exam.

More information: <https://www.collegeboard.org/program-results>.

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### Top 10 Utah Public High Schools for AP Participation

School	Test Takers
Davis High School, Kaysville	800
Skyline High School, Holladay	688
Hillcrest High School, Midvale	665
Lone Peak High School, Highland	651
Park City High School, Park City	566
Alta High School, Sandy	450
Brighton High School, Cottonwood Heights	443
Bountiful High School, Bountiful	425
Copper Hills High School, West Jordan	425
East High School, Salt Lake City	417

### Top 10 Utah Public Schools for AP Passing Rate

School	% Tests 3, 4, or 5
Cedar City High School, Cedar City	89.4
Davis High School, Kaysville	87.6
Bountiful High School, Bountiful	85.5
Sky View High School, Smithfield	83.9
Olympus Junior High School, Holladay	83.6
Brighton High School, Cottonwood Heights	82.5
NUAMES, Layton	81.7
Timpanogos High School, Orem	80.8
Olympus High School, Holladay	80.7
Mountain View High School, Orem	80.4

### Top 10 Utah Public High Schools for SAT Participation

School	Test Takers
Skyline High School, Holladay	116
West High School, Salt Lake City	91
Park City High School, Park City	68
Hillcrest High School, Midvale	39
Olympus High School, Holladay	38
Davis High School, Kaysville	37
Brighton High School, Cottonwood Heights	26
Alta High School, Sandy	23
Timpview High School, Provo	19
Bingham High School, South Jordan	17
Highland High School, Salt Lake City	17

### Top 10 Utah Public High Schools for SAT Total Average Mean Score

School	Score
Utah County Academy of Sciences, Orem	1980
Logan High School, Logan	1918
Timpview High School, Provo	1918
West High School, Salt Lake City	1905
Lone Peak High School, Highland	1894
Bountiful High School, Bountiful	1890
Orem High School, Orem	1866
Hillcrest High School, Midvale	1850
Davis High School, Kaysville	1848
Provo High School, Provo	1848