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Eight GCPS schools on Georgia's AP Honors Schools list

The high performance of **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** students on their AP (Advanced Placement) exams, and the dedication of their teachers who challenge them, has placed several Gwinnett schools on Georgia's AP Honors Schools list. Eight GCPS high schools were honored by the Georgia Department of Education in several categories including **Berkmar High, Brookwood High, Central Gwinnett High, Duluth High, North Gwinnett High, Parkview High, Shiloh High, and South Gwinnett High**. The Gwinnett schools were recognized for their commitment to offering a rigorous curriculum to students.

"We are excited that more of our students are taking and experiencing success through AP classes," says **Dr. Steve Flynt**, GCPS chief academic officer. "Our students are achieving at high levels, tackling rigorous coursework and demonstrating their readiness for college."

AP classes and exams are administered by the College Board, which also administers the SAT. Students who receive a 3, 4, or 5 on AP exams may receive college credit.

The Gwinnett schools were recognized in the following categories:

AP Merit Schools:

(Schools with at least 20% of students taking AP exams and at least half of the AP exams scoring a 3 or higher)

- Brookwood High
- Duluth High
- North Gwinnett High
- Parkview High

AP Access and Support Schools:

(Schools with 30% of AP test takers that are African-American or Hispanic and at least 30% of all AP exams scoring 3 or higher)

- Berkmar High
- Central Gwinnett High
- Shiloh High
- South Gwinnett High

The 2009 AP Honor Schools are named based on results from 2007-08 AP classes and exams. More than 13,000 AP tests were taken in Gwinnett during the 2007-08 school year, a 210% increase since 2001. Gwinnett's percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher is 63.1%, 5.3 points above the global average and 10 points above Georgia's average.

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