

Table 1
AP Exam Participation and Performance for Public School Graduates in the Class of 2008

Public School Graduates	Total Class of 2008	Graduates Took One or More AP Exams		Graduates Earned One or More AP Exam Scores of 3 or Higher	
	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%
MCPS	9,876	6,069	61.5	4,585	46.4
Maryland ^a	58,484	21,783	37.2	13,666	23.4
Maryland without MCPS ^a	48,608	15,714	32.3	9,081	18.7
Nation ^a	3,033,140	757,932	25.0	461,537	15.2

^a Source: College Board, *Fifth Annual AP Report to the Nation*.

Table 2
AP Exam Participation and Performance for Public School Graduates in the Classes of 2000 versus 2008

Public School Students	% Graduates Took One or More AP Exams			% Graduates One or More AP Exam Scores of 3 or Higher		
	2000	2008	Change	2000	2008	Change
	MCPS	36.6	61.5	+24.9	30.7	46.4
Maryland	20.2	37.2	+17.0	14.1	23.4	+9.3
Nation	15.9	25.0	+9.1	10.2	15.2	+5.0

Table 3
 AP Exam Participation and Performance for African American, Hispanic,
 and All Graduates in the Public School Classes of 2008 in
 MCPS, Maryland, and the Nation

Race/ Ethnicity	Public School Graduates	2008 Graduates Took One or More AP Exams		2008 Graduates Earned One or More AP Exam Scores of 3 or Higher	
		<i>N</i>	%	<i>N</i>	%
African American	MCPS	788	37.6	410	19.6
	Maryland ^a	n/a ^b	n/a ^b	1,230	6.2
	Nation ^a	58,872	13.5	16,154	3.7
Hispanic	MCPS	742	46.3	516	32.2
	Maryland ^a	n/a ^b	n/a ^b	943	26.4
	Nation ^a	112,212	24.0	63,692	13.6
All Graduates	MCPS	6,069	61.5	4,585	46.4
	Maryland ^a	21,783	37.2	13,666	23.4
	Nation ^a	757,932	25.0	461,537	15.2

^a Sources: College Board, *Fifth Annual AP Report to the Nation*; Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, *Knocking at the College Door 2008*.

^b Data were not available (n/a) for these graduates.