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Utah's Class of 2018 Ranked 5th in Nation on AP Performance *A Quarter of Graduates Earned College Credit Through Advanced Placement Exams*

SALT LAKE CITY – 13,564 Utah public high school students in the graduating class of 2018 took an Advanced Placement® (AP®) Exam while in high school, according to the [College Board AP Program Results: Class of 2018](#) issued today. Utah's seniors earned college credit by scoring a 3 or higher on those exams 67.7 percent of the time, College Board noted, a rate exceed only by New Jersey (69.1 percent), New Hampshire (68.8 percent), South Dakota (68.4 percent) and Connecticut (68.3 percent). The national average was 56.1 percent.

Because so many Utah students took AP exams and performed well, 25.5 percent of class of 2018 earned college credit or college placement by scoring 3 or higher on the exams. Nationwide, 23.5% of class of 2018 public school students earned a 3 or higher, College Board noted.

Two Utah school districts were named to the College Board's 9th Annual AP District Honor Roll, which recognizes districts that have increased access to AP for underrepresented students while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. They are:

- Salt Lake City School District
- Cache County School District

The Utah State Board of Education [released results](#) on all Utah students who took AP exams in 2018 last fall. Today's report from the College Board contains data only high school seniors who took AP exams in Utah or the nation in 2018.

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