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Utah students rank fifth in nation for passing AP exams

SALT LAKE CITY – With 67.5 percent of Utah students taking AP exams earning college credit, Utah ranks fifth in the nation for percentage of students passing AP exams, data released by the College Board today showed.

Only New Hampshire (69.9), New Jersey (69.6) Connecticut (68.8), and South Dakota (68.3) had higher percentages of students passing AP exams, College Board data showed.

In all, 26,544 Utah students took a total of 40,755 AP exams in 2017. A total of 25 percent of graduating seniors earned at least some college credit on AP exams, the 12th highest percentage in the nation.

"Students who earn college credit while still in high school are more likely to enroll in post-secondary education, have a smoother transition to college, and are more likely to achieve economic stability," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Sydnee Dickson. "We are excited to see more students have access to advanced coursework like AP, concurrent

enrollment and the International Baccalaureate Program. We appreciate the hard work our teachers and students have put in to succeed in these programs."

Here are Utah's results from the most popularly taken AP exams in 2017:

Subject	No. of Exams	% earning college credit
English Language/Composition	4,643	66.1
United States History	4,344	55.7
English Literature/Composition	3,364	73.3
Calculus AB	2,967	70.9
Human Geography	2,893	63.6
Psychology	2,376	77.2
World History	2,313	59.6
Statistics	2,120	71.7
U.S. Government/Politics	2,014	66.1
Calculus BC	1,503	78.1

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