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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **MCSD AP Honor Schools**

**(Columbus, GA)**- State Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox named more than 80 Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Schools this month. Two Muscofee County schools, Shaw High School and Columbus High School, earn recognition.

According to a national study, Georgia is 15th in the nation when it comes to students who have success in Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

"Georgia is making tremendous strides with Advanced Placement -- not only in the number of students taking the courses, but in the number of students having success," Superintendent Cox said. "Much of that progress comes from the dedication to rigor and excellence at each of our AP Honor Schools."

AP classes and exams are administered by the College Board, which also administers the SAT. AP classes offer rigorous college-level learning options to students in high school. Students who receive a 3, 4, or 5 on AP exams may receive college credit.

The 2009 AP Honor Schools are named in three categories, based on the results of 2007-2008 AP classes and exams:

#### **AP Challenge Schools**

Schools with fewer than 900 students that are offering AP classes in the four core areas of English, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science

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**AP Access & 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 (**Shaw High School**)

**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 (**Columbus High School**)

A complete list of AP Honor Schools is available at [www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org).

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