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MEDIA RELEASE

State Superintendent Names AP Honor Schools

(Columbus, GA)-More than 300 schools across Georgia are recognized as Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Schools by the State School Superintendent, Dr. John Barge. Two Muscogee County Schools, Columbus High School and Northside High School make the list based on results from the 2011 AP classes and exams. AP Honor Schools are named in five categories.

AP CHALLENGE SCHOOLS: Schools of 900 or fewer students with students testing in four of the core areas (English, math, science, and social studies)

AP ACCESS & SUPPORT SCHOOLS: Schools with at least 30% of their AP exams taken by students who identified themselves as African- American and/or Hispanic and 30% of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

AP MERIT SCHOOLS: Schools with at least 20% of the student population taking AP exams and at least 50% of all AP exams earning scores of three (3) or higher

AP STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) SCHOOLS: Schools with students testing in at least two (2) AP math courses and two (2) AP science courses (AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics B, AP Physics C, AP Computer Science)

AP STEM ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOLS: Schools with students testing in at least 2 AP math courses and 2 AP science courses and at least 40% of the exam

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scores on AP math and AP science exams earning scores of three (3) or higher.

SCHOOL

HONOR/RECOGNITION

Columbus High School (AP Merit School, AP STEM School, AP STEM Achievement School)

Northside High School (AP STEM School)

AP classes and exams are administered by the College Board, which also administers the Scholastic Aptitude Test (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. Wednesday, February 8, 2012, is *AP Day in Georgia*, which coincides with the College Board's release of the *2011 AP Report to the Nation*.

For more information, access www.gadoe.org, or contact Columbus High School, (706) 748-2534, or Northside High School, (706) 748-2920.