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## **Gwinnett students presented with 1, 992 AP Scholar Awards**

Having demonstrated college-level academic performance by taking AP (Advanced Placement) courses and exams, **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) students were presented with 1,992 “AP Scholars Awards.” The College Board program annually recognizes high school students for their AP achievement while in high school. Out of the 322, 615 awards presented to students around the world, 1,992 were earned by Gwinnett students who accepted the school district’s AP challenge.

The group of Gwinnett students is part of the top 17 percent of the 1.7 million students worldwide who took AP exams, and who performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award. Some of the highlights from this year’s class of Gwinnett AP Scholars are:

- Among the 129 AP Scholar Award recipients at **Berkmar High**, one student is a freshman. This student is the only ninth grader from across Georgia to earn this recognition.
- **Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology** students received 64 AP Scholar Awards, all earned by the school’s junior class.
- In addition to its 255 AP Scholar Awards, **North Gwinnett High** also earned an AP International Diploma this year, a certificate presented to a student seeking to attend an international university and for mastering AP achievement across several disciplines.

The College Board recognizes the following different levels of achievement based on students’ performance on AP exams:

### **National AP Scholar:**

109 Gwinnett students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

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**AP Scholar with Distinction:**

544 Gwinnett students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

**AP Scholar with Honor:**

397 Gwinnett students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

**AP Scholar Award:**

942 Gwinnett students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with grades of 3 or higher.

	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honor	AP Scholar with Distinction	National AP Scholar	Total
Berkmar High	81	23	23	2	129
Brookwood High	119	61	104	27	311
Central Gwinnett High	42	11	15	7	75
Collins Hill High	63	29	39	5	136
Dacula High	32	14	12	N/A	58
Duluth High	70	25	33	13	141
Grayson High	44	19	29	3	95
Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology	26	19	19	N/A	64
Meadowcreek High	17	2	N/A	N/A	19
Mill Creek High	69	28	38	7	142
Norcross High	75	36	19	1	131
North Gwinnett High	114	59	69	13	255
Parkview High	64	25	70	22	181
Peachtree Ridge High	83	39	51	8	181
Shiloh High	19	4	14	N/A	37
South Gwinnett High	24	3	9	1	37
GCPS Total	942	397	544	109	1,992

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Because a student must first earn the AP Scholar with Distinction Award before becoming a National AP Scholar, several students received multiple awards. Of the 544 AP Scholars with Distinction, 109 students also were honored as National AP Scholars. A total of 1,992 awards were presented to 1,883 Gwinnett students.

Through 37 different college-level courses and exams provided in Gwinnett County, Advanced Placement (AP) courses provide students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admissions process. AP is accepted by more than 3,600 colleges and universities worldwide for college credit, advanced placement, or both on the basis of successful AP exam grades.

*For more information about the AP program, visit the College Board at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)*