

AP Incentives Pilot Program

FACT SHEET



ADVANCED PLACEMENT INCENTIVES PILOT PROGRAM

The Advanced Placement Incentives Pilot Program (AP Incentives) first provided incentives in the 2014-2015 school year as the result of House Bill 14-1118. During the 2018 legislative session, the Advanced Placement Pilot Program was extended three years, to 2021, as the result of House Bill 18-1193.

The program is designed to incentivize the implementation and/or expansion of Advanced Placement (AP) programs to build capacity for increased AP participation in rural and small rural school districts across Colorado.

DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS

To date, the AP Incentives Program has awarded \$950,000 in incentives to 26 participating high schools in 23 school districts across Colorado. These districts and schools represent a diverse cross-section of Colorado's rural and small rural school districts, and for the 2017-18 school year, the program will serve 475 students in reaching their Advanced Placement goals.

DEMOGRAPHICS

- The average free and reduced lunch (FRL) rate among Colorado high schools is 42 percent (2016-17) and the average FRL rate of the high schools participating in AP Incentives during the 2016-17 school year was 44 percent.
- Of the 18 high schools receiving AP Incentive dollars in 2017-18, 15 were located in rural school districts and 3 are located in small rural school districts, as designated by CDE.
- Since the program's inception in 2014-15, 13,902 AP Incentives have been requested. A total of 1,900 incentives have been awarded based on available funds, representing 14 percent of the total requested incentives.

USE OF INCENTIVES - IMPLEMENTATION & EXPANSION

- Each school that participates in the pilot program receives up to \$500 per participating student's completion of an AP course and the correlated AP exam.
- Incentive Award must be used for:
 - Professional development programs for teachers and administrators to improve understanding of content, placement and instructional strategies;
 - Enhancing online access to Advanced Placement;
 - Teacher or mentor incentives.

ALLOCATION OF INCENTIVES

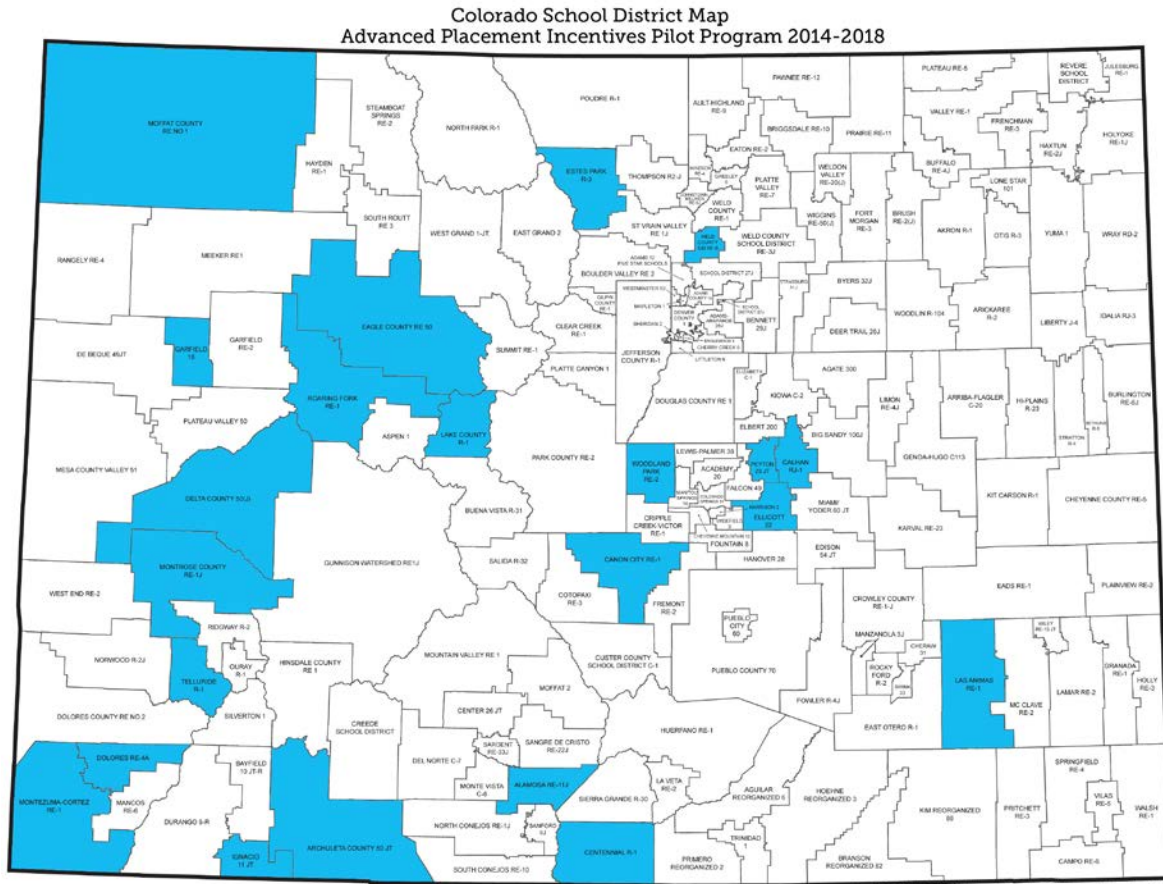
To be eligible for AP Incentives, a school must meet the definition of being in a rural or small rural district:

Rural School District: A Colorado school district is determined to be rural giving consideration to the size of the district, the distance from the nearest large urban/urbanized area, and having a student enrollment of approximately 6,500 students or less.

Small Rural District: A Colorado school district is determined to be small rural giving consideration to the size of the district, the distance from the nearest large urban/urbanized area, and having a student population of less than 1,000 students.

Distribution of AP Incentives is prioritized based on the school's free and reduced lunch participation and the number of participating students.

- District Map of Advanced Placement Incentives Program Participants 2014-2018



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Where can I learn more?

- AP Incentives Guidelines and Definitions - www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/apincentives
- C.R.S. 22-95-105 (AP Incentives Bill) - www.statebillinfo.com/bills/bills/14/1118_enr.pdf
- View all CDE fact sheets: www.cde.state.co.us/communications/factsheetsandfaq