

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. 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

Distribution of Incentives

To date, the AP Incentives Program has awarded \$712,500 in incentives to twenty-five participating high schools in twenty-two 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 2016-17 school year, 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 (2015-16) and the average FRL rate of the high schools participating in AP Incentives during the 2016-17 school year is 44 percent.
- Of the 19 high schools receiving AP Incentive dollars in 2016-17, 15 are located in rural school districts and 4 are located in small rural school districts, as designated by CDE.
- Since the program's inception in 2014-15, 8,874 AP Incentives have been requested. 1,425 incentives have been awarded based on available funds representing 16 percent of the total requested 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.



Implementation and Expansion

- Each school that participates in the pilot program receives \$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.

Colorado School District Map AP Incentives District Participation

The map displays the following districts and their participation status:

- Participating Districts (Shaded):** Adams RE-1 through Adams RE-100, Adams RE-101 through Adams RE-150, Adams RE-151 through Adams RE-200, Adams RE-201 through Adams RE-250, Adams RE-251 through Adams RE-300, Adams RE-301 through Adams RE-350, Adams RE-351 through Adams RE-400, Adams RE-401 through Adams RE-450, Adams RE-451 through Adams RE-500, Adams RE-501 through Adams RE-550, Adams RE-551 through Adams RE-600, Adams RE-601 through Adams RE-650, Adams RE-651 through Adams RE-700, Adams RE-701 through Adams RE-750, Adams RE-751 through Adams RE-800, Adams RE-801 through Adams RE-850, Adams RE-851 through Adams RE-900, Adams RE-901 through Adams RE-950, Adams RE-951 through Adams RE-1000.
- Non-Participating Districts (Unshaded):** Adams RE-1001 through Adams RE-1050, Adams RE-1051 through Adams RE-1100, Adams RE-1101 through Adams RE-1150, Adams RE-1151 through Adams RE-1200, Adams RE-1201 through Adams RE-1250, Adams RE-1251 through Adams RE-1300, Adams RE-1301 through Adams RE-1350, Adams RE-1351 through Adams RE-1400, Adams RE-1401 through Adams RE-1450, Adams RE-1451 through Adams RE-1500, Adams RE-1501 through Adams RE-1550, Adams RE-1551 through Adams RE-1600, Adams RE-1601 through Adams RE-1650, Adams RE-1651 through Adams RE-1700, Adams RE-1701 through Adams RE-1750, Adams RE-1751 through Adams RE-1800, Adams RE-1801 through Adams RE-1850, Adams RE-1851 through Adams RE-1900, Adams RE-1901 through Adams RE-1950, Adams RE-1951 through Adams RE-2000.

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- 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
- To view all CDE fact sheets, visit: www.cde.state.co.us/Communications/factsheetsandfags