

AP Results for 2000 - 2011

AP: Overview

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program began in 1955 to provide students still in high school with the opportunity to take college-level courses.

The AP program consists of 37 college-level courses in over 22 subject areas. Students may, and often do, take more than one AP course during the school year. These elective courses prepare students for the AP examinations. Students who are successful on AP exams may meet certain college entrance requirements and/or earn college credit if they score well on these exams. Results of examinations are reported on a five-point scale:

- 5** – Extremely well qualified,
- 4** – Well qualified,
- 3** – Qualified,
- 2** – Possibly qualified,
- 1** – No recommendation.

In general, a score of three or higher on the AP exam is necessary for a student to be eligible for credit from participating colleges and universities.

AP: Results

In 2011, 515 students in Tacoma attempted a total of 751 AP exams. Therefore, the typical student took more than one exam, averaging 1.5 tests. Tacoma students attempted AP examinations in thirteen different subject areas.

More information regarding the AP including test dates and on-line registration:
<http://www.collegeboard.com/ap>

Number of Students Attempting AP Exams (2011)

Course	Foss*	Lincoln	Mt Tahoma	Stadium	Wilson	Total
Art History		15				15
Biology		1	8			9
Calculus AB			15	41	12	68
Calculus BC				1		1
Chemistry			6	42	16	64
Eng Lang & Comp		9	49	33	46	137
Eng Lit & Comp		22	34	47	14	117
Environmental Sci			6			6
European History			15		16	31
Gov & Politics: US			25		11	36
Physics B				31		31
Psychology						0
Spanish Language		10			4	14
Statistics				16		16
United States History		40	30	42	31	143
World History	14	49				63
Total	14	146	188	253	150	751

* Foss has an International Baccalaureate (IB) program

2000 -2011 Tacoma AP Results

Year	Number Students	Number Exams	Percent 3 or Above
2000	191	288	40%
2001	212	310	40%
2002	250	365	32%
2003	257	397	32%
2004	204	286	29%
2005	332	482	26%
2006	308	434	22%
2007	242	390	32%
2008	313	477	30%
2009	346	494	42%
2010	501	761	48%
2011	515	751	42%

Number and Percent of Advanced Placement Examination Grades by District

AP Grades	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
5	9	2%	13	3%	9	5%	33	7%	75	10%	48	6%
4	23	5%	49	10%	23	8%	70	14%	115	15%	89	12%
3	64	15%	62	13%	64	18%	106	21%	175	23%	179	24%
College Credit Eligible	96	22%	124	26%	96	32%	206	42%	365	48%	316	42%
2	157	36%	141	29%	157	30%	135	27%	204	27%	219	29%
1	181	42%	217	45%	181	38%	153	31%	192	25%	216	29%
Number of Students	308		242		313		346		501		515	
Ratio: Exams per Student	1.4		1.6		1.5		1.4		1.5		1.5	