



The AP Experience to Support ALL Students' Success

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Support from the District Administration and Board of Education



Open enrollment for AP courses began in 2005

The Bergenfield Board of Education pays for every student's AP exam every year

The Bergenfield Board of Education pays for AP teachers and administrators to attend AP training workshops and conferences

The Bergenfield District Curriculum Council was created to encourage teachers to propose new courses

Vision & Culture –

Bergenfield High School's Recognitions and Awards



U.S. News & World Report 2018 –

- Top 4% of high schools in the United States
- 28th best high school in New Jersey
- 4th best high school in Bergen County

The Washington Post “America’s Most Challenging High Schools” **for 7 years running!**

The Daily Beast (Newsweek Magazine) 2014 –

Ranked 402 of America’s Top 500 Public High Schools

Thebestschools.org

Ranked #5 – “50 Inspiring Schools Meeting the Challenge”

Vision & Culture – Bergenfield High School's AP Awards

21
AP Scholars
with
Distinction

2018

103
AP
Scholars

3 National AP
Scholars

17
AP Scholars
with Honors

AP Scholars
average score
3.34

Data – Pathway to Scholar Status

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Total AP Scholars	80	96	103
AP Scholars	48	54	65
AP Scholars with Distinction	22	19	21
AP Scholars with Honors	10	23	17
National AP Scholars	5	4	3

Support & Vision – Open Enrollment



Our AP courses are open to all students, regardless of previous courses taken

All students are encouraged to take at least one AP course before graduation

Parents are asked to talk with their children about the importance of the AP experience at 8th grade Open House and at all parent meetings

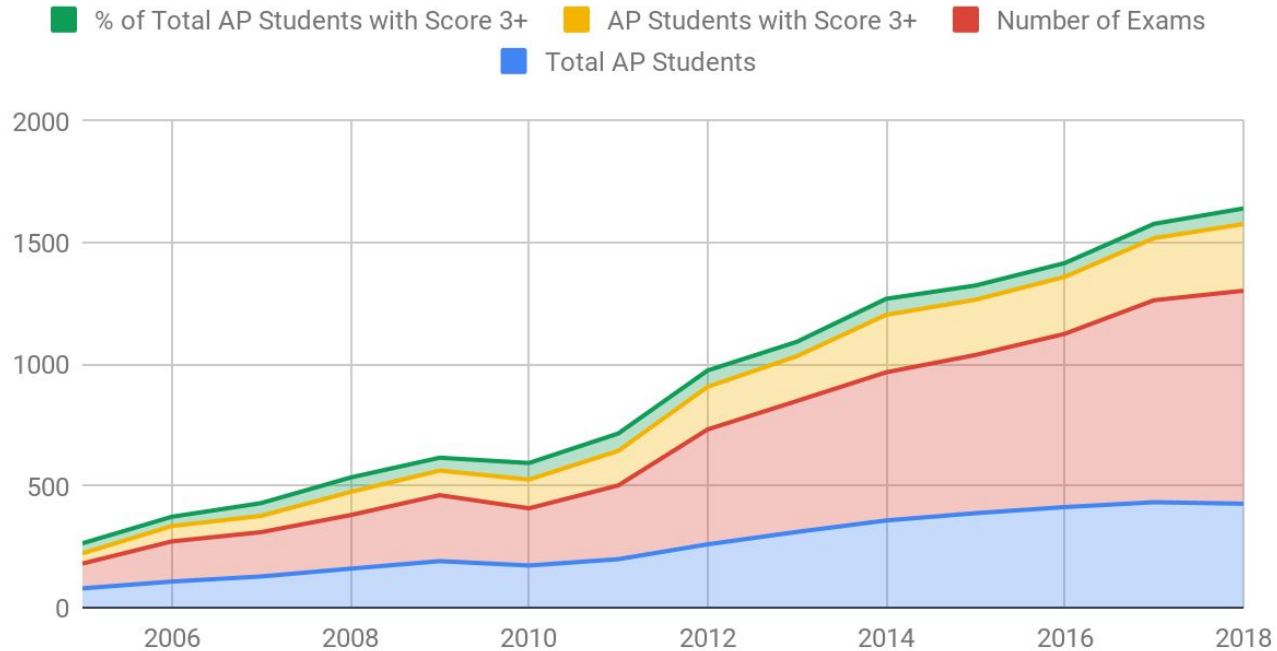
Support, Data & Culture -

Increasing the Number of AP Assessments

	2004-2005	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Courses Offered	6	24	26	27	30
Graduates who have taken at least one AP Course & Exam	10%	65%	71%	78%	71%
Number of Exams Administered	160	650	712	830	875

Data - Student Success

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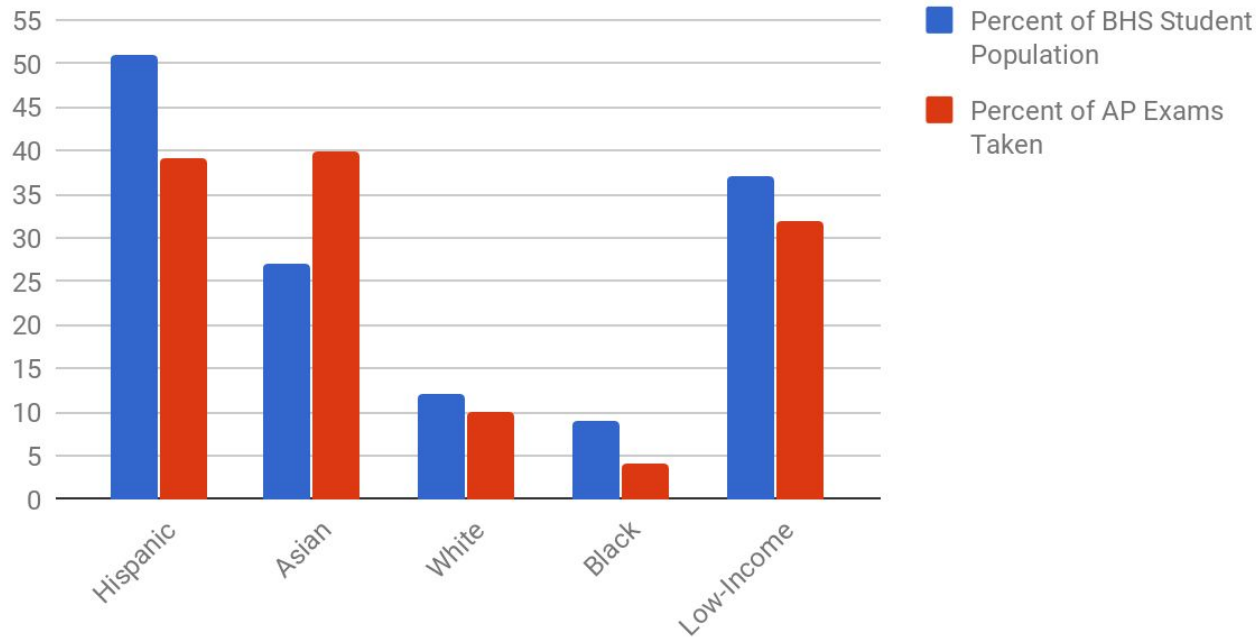
Support – AP Course Diversity

Bergenfield High School is running the following AP courses in 2018-19:

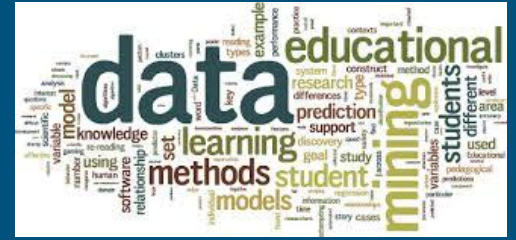
Language & Composition	Literature & Composition	Spanish Language
Macroeconomics /Microeconomics	United States History	Spanish Literature
European History	Psychology	French Language
United States Government & Politics	Human Geography	Studio Art 2D & Drawing
Calculus AB	Statistics	Art History
Calculus BC	Chemistry	Music Theory
Physics C	Biology	Computer Science Principles
Environmental Science	*Capstone Foundations	Chinese Language
Seminar	Research	Computer Science A
Physics 2	Studio Art 2D Design	Studio Art 3D

Data & Culture - AP Student Diversity 2018

BHS Student Population and AP Courses Student Population



Using Data



PSAT data is used to identify students with “AP Potential”

AP Potential letters are sent to students and parents

Other data points used to identify students who could be successful:

- PARCC scores
- Renaissance STAR Reading and Math
- Course grades
- Teacher recommendations

All students are encouraged to take at least one AP course before graduating from BHS

Culture – Programs for AP Students

Supervisors pitch courses

AP breakfast kickoff for enrolled students

Summer Bootcamp

Saturday AP exam pre-registration breakfast

Mock AP exams on weekends and evenings

Writing conferences during lunch and before and after school

After school Writing Center



Culture – Teacher Buy-In



All teachers, including AP teachers, must buy-in to the open enrollment policy

Teachers must be willing to work with all students, regardless of their academic background

Teachers work with students before and after school and during lunch to support them and ensure their success

Teachers give practice AP exams in the evenings and on weekends to simulate the exam experience for students

Teachers are recognized at the first faculty meeting of the year with plaques and trophies for AP student achievements

Culture – Student Buy-In



Students are encouraged to take AP courses when they meet with guidance counselors for scheduling

Any students who want to drop an AP course must meet with the principal

Culture – Student Voices



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