

Advanced Placement Incentives Program

Fact Sheet



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Introduction

The Advanced Placement (AP) Incentives Program first provided incentives in the 2014-15 school year as the result of [House Bill 14-1118](#). The program is designed to encourage the implementation and/or expansion of Advanced Placement (AP) programs. The goal is to build capacity of the AP program to increase participation in rural and small rural school districts across Colorado.

Distribution and incentives

To date, the AP Incentives Program has awarded \$1,187,500 to participating high schools in 28 school districts across Colorado. For the 2018-19 school year, 23 high school will participate in the program serving another 475 students in reaching their Advanced Placement goals.

Demographics

- The average free and reduced lunch (FRL) rate among Colorado high schools is 42 percent. For high schools participating in AP Incentives Program during the 2018-19 school year the average FRL rate is 48 percent.
- Of the 23 high schools receiving AP Incentive funds in 2018-19, 18 are in rural school districts and five are in small rural school districts, as designated by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).
- Since the program's inception during the 2014-15 school year, 19,670 AP Incentives have been requested and 2,375 incentives have been awarded based on available funds representing eight percent of the total requested incentives.

Implementation and expansion

Each school that participates in the pilot program receives \$500 per student participating in and completing an AP course and taking 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.

Eligibility requirements

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

Rural school district is determined to be rural based on 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 is determined to be small rural based on 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 students participating in the AP Program.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

- For more information, visit the AP Incentives webpage: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/advancedplacement>
- For questions, contact Marina Kokotovic at kokotovic_m@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6267.