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# Growing AP in the Burnaby School Board

**Co-Creating Pathways to Academic Excellence for all students** 



### About AP®

Internationally recognized curricular program with 40 university-level courses, each culminating in a rigorous, standardized exam across 7 disciplines.

#### **New Programs:**

- Pre-Calculus (Fall, 2023)
- African American Studies (Fall, 2025)

## World Languages and Culture:

Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Spanish Lit, Spanish Lang

#### Arts:

Art History, Music Theory, Studio Art: 2D, Studio Art: 3D, Studio Art: Drawing

#### Science:

Bio, Chem, Env Sci, Phys 1, Phys 2, Phys C: Mechanics, Phys C: Electricity and Magnetism

#### AP Capstone: Seminar, Research

Project-based, Personalized Pathways

#### **History:**

European History, U.S. History, World History

#### Math:

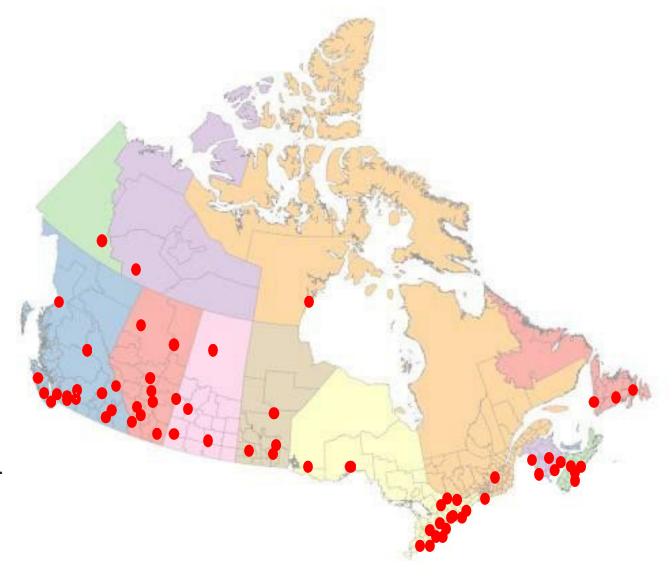
Calculus AB,
Calculus BC,
Computer
Science A, Comp
Sci Principles,
Statistics

#### **English:**

English Literature and Comp, English Language and Comp

## Advanced Placement in Canada

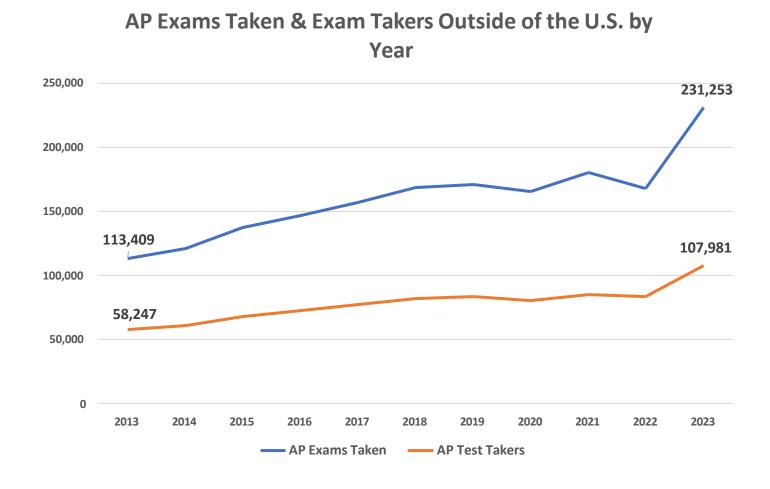
- 33,882 students from 580 schools participated in AP courses
- 100,000+ students from 800+ schools in 250+ communities participated in AP pathway courses
- Students from every province & territory
- Advanced Credit granted by every Englishspeaking university



### **International AP Program Usage Nearly Doubles in Last Ten Years**

 The number of students outside the U.S. taking AP exams has grown 85% since 2013, while the number of exams taken has more than doubled (+103%).

 AP Exams and exam takers have steadily increased since 2007\*.





## AP Participation and Performance

#### Canada

In 2024, 33,882 students participated in AP courses (~11% **increase** over 2023, 42% increase from 2019)

82% of Canadian students scored 3 or higher

#### BC

In 2024, 11,862 AP Student enrollments in AP classrooms (~13% **increase** over 2023, 38% increase since 2019)

#### **Vancouver Students**

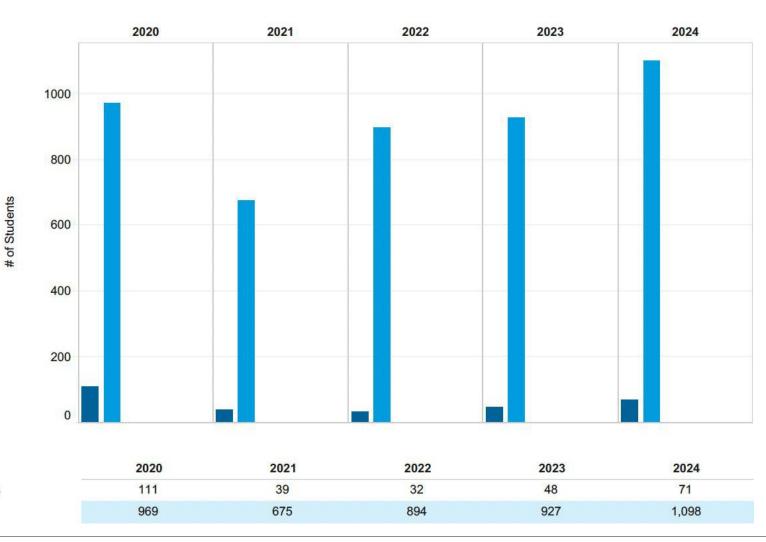
In 2024, 1,123 AP Student enrollments in AP classrooms (~10% **increase** over 2023, ~20% increase since 2019)

78% of BC students scored 3 or higher

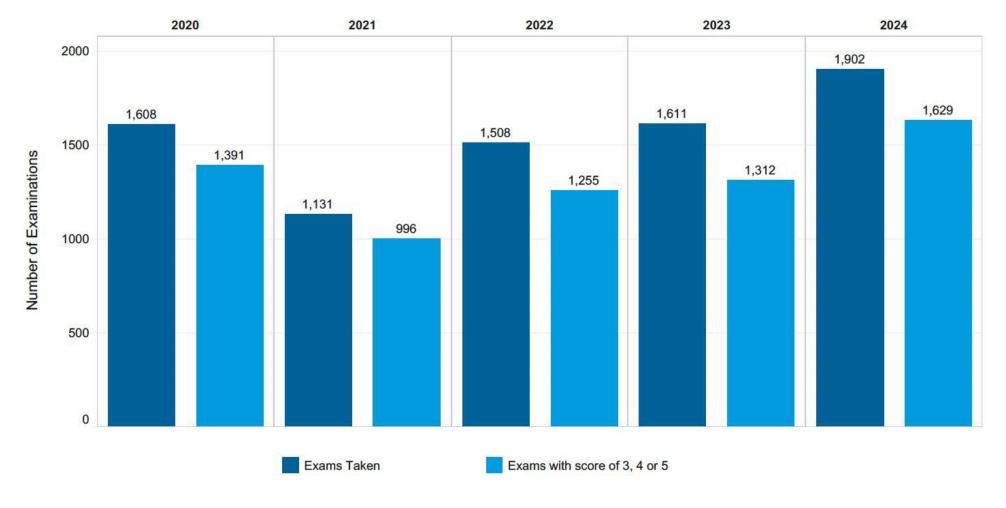
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## Number of Students Taking AP and SAT from Burnaby

Burnaby has the largest AP Program in Canada



## Number of AP Exams & Performance



## The National Research Project: Preliminary Results

#### **Participation**

- University of Alberta: 5,375 students overall (1,447 AP)
- University of British Columbia: 7,289 students overall (1,787 AP)

#### Results

- Most popular: Calculus, English Literature and Chemistry
- Even with only one AP exam, students outperform by their non-AP students by over 11%
- Retention into 2<sup>nd</sup> year goes up 10% (UBC)





## A National Survey of Canadian AP Students

#### **Participation**

- 465 students (Ontario, BC, and Alberta)
- Spring 2022/23 (2<sup>nd</sup> year university students)

#### Results

- 93% of students said taking at least one AP course significantly reduced the stress of their first year of university
- 94% of students said that AP gave them an advantage over their peers in the same class
- 98% of students said they would take AP again in high school if given the chance













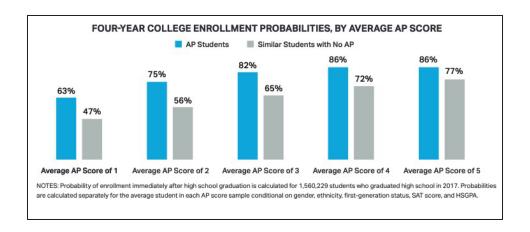




## New Findings on the AP Experience

#### No matter the score, completing an AP Exam has benefits.

 More than 75% of admission officers we surveyed told us that a low score on an AP Exam would not harm an applicant's admission prospects.



- Universities consider many more factors than just exam scores, including strength of coursework and GPA in rigorous courses.
- By enrolling in AP courses, students demonstrate that they are interested in challenging themselves and learning at a college level.

