



**AP Report to the Nation  
2008  
Arkansas Highlights**

- **Arkansas recognized as being one of the states that funds AP professional development and expands access to AP through legislation**
- **8763 (32.2%) Arkansas students took an AP exam in high school in 2007 as compared to 2636 (9.8%) in 2002; this 2007 percentage is higher than the national rate of 24.9%**
- **2611 Arkansas students (9.6%) scored a 3 or higher on an AP exam as compared to 1337 (5%) in 2002, a 4.6% increase**
- **342 Hispanic students took at least one AP exam in 2007 as compared to 46 in 2002**
- **1157 African American students took at least one AP exam in 2007 as compared to 183 in 2002**
- **6674 White students took at least one AP exam in 2007 as compared to 2112 in 2002**
- **The five most popular AP exams in Arkansas were: English Language, English Literature, United States History, Calculus AB, and World History**
- **There were 1367 AP Scholars in 2007 as compared to 1299 in 2006; numbers increased in all categories**
- **Arkansas has eliminated the Equity and Excellence gap (difference between the percentage of Hispanic high school students in public schools and the percentage of Hispanic students scoring a 3 or higher on an AP exam) for Hispanic students with 5.1% students being Hispanic and 6.2% scoring a 3 or higher.**
- **Arkansas has eliminated the Equity and Excellence gap (difference between the percentage of American Indian students in public schools and the percentage of American Indian students scoring a 3 or higher on an AP exam) for American Indians with 0.6% students being American Indian and 1.0% scoring a 3 or higher**
- **An Equity and Excellence gap still exists for African American students (difference between the percentage of African American students in public schools and the percentage of African American students in public schools scoring a 3 or higher on an AP exam) with 21.3% students being African American and 3.9% scoring a 3 or higher. However, 101 earned a 3 or higher in 2007 as compared to 40 in 2002.**