

High school placed on AP Honor Roll

Midland Park High School is one of 539 high schools in the United States and Canada that are being named to the College Board's Third Annual AP District Honor Roll.

The honor roll recognizes the school for increasing Advanced Placement course work while also increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP exams. Achieving both of these goals is the ideal scenario for a district's AP program, because it indicates that the district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are likely to benefit most from rigorous course work. Only five Bergen County high schools received this prestigious honor this school year.

Inclusion on the Third Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of data from 2010 to 2012. To be included, performance levels had to improve from 2010 to 2012. Achieving a grade of 3 or higher qualifies

the students for credit at the college level, saving their parents thousands of dollars in college tuition, according to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marie Cirasella.

During last week's board of education meeting, Dr. Cirasella applauded the students and their teachers for their effort, and said the district would continue to expand the AP courses available. The school offers 11th and 12th graders AP courses in English, biology, chemistry, US history, government, French, Spanish, art and calculus.

College Board President David Coleman stated, "We applaud the extraordinary efforts of the devoted teachers and administrators in this district, who are fostering rigorous work worth doing. These educators have not only expanded student access to AP course work, but they have enabled more of their students to achieve on the college level, which is helping to create a strong college-going culture."