



MEDIA ADVISORY

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The Alabama State Department of Education and A+ College Ready Announce Results of Advanced Placement Program in Alabama

Governor Robert Bentley and State Superintendent Tommy Bice will announce the annual results of Alabama's Advanced Placement initiative, implemented in partnership with A+ College Ready, which is dramatically increasing the number of Alabama students taking and passing rigorous Advanced Placement* (AP) exams in high schools across the state.

WHO: Dr. Robert Bentley, Governor
Dr. Tommy Bice, Alabama State Superintendent of Education
Gordon Martin, Vice-Chairman, A+ Education Partnership Board of Directors
Alabama school leaders, teachers and students

WHAT: Media are invited to participate in a news conference announcing student performance on AP exams for 118 high schools that participated in Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE)/ A+ College Ready Advanced Placement Program. The program is designed to dramatically increase the number of students in Alabama taking math, science and English Advanced Placement (AP) courses, earning qualifying scores on AP exams and ultimately attending and succeeding in college.

The program will include a discussion facilitated by the Governor and the State Superintendent with a student, a principal and a teacher from Enterprise, Arab and Marbury High Schools - schools that had outstanding AP growth and success last year.

WHEN: **11:30 a.m. CT, Thursday, September 10th, 2015**
A light lunch will be provided prior to the program.

WHERE: Alabama State Capitol, Auditorium
600 Dexter Avenue, (Use Union Street entrance)
Montgomery, AL 36103

In 2015-16, The ALSDE/A+ College Ready AP Initiative will support 148 schools in 62 districts. The program elements include open enrollment in AP math, science and English classes, increased time on task for students, intensive teacher training, support from master teachers and stipends for teachers and students. The Program will expand to include support for AP Social Studies teachers and students this year. **Advanced Placement and AP are registered trademarks of the College Board.*

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