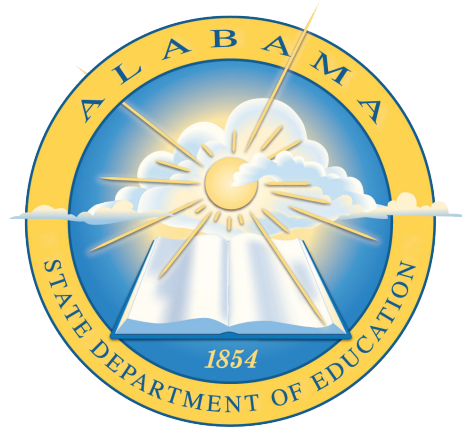




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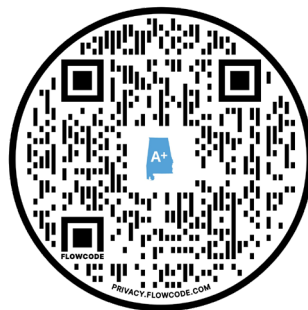


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A+ College Ready **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

A+ College Ready, a program of A+ Education Partnership, holds the unshakeable belief **ALL** students can achieve at high levels. As such, it opens the door for middle and high school students in Alabama to reach their academic potential through access to Advanced Placement (AP) and other challenging coursework. This proven program partners with middle and high schools to develop a diverse pipeline of students prepared for success in college, career, and life. A+ College Ready's high-quality, content-specific teacher training and rigorous curricula are fully aligned to the Alabama Courses of Study and the College Board's AP requirements. We support 48 total courses in math, science, English, social studies, computer science, art, and Spanish, comprised of 29 non-AP courses and 19 AP courses. We accomplish our goals by:

Centering students
*to ensure their needs guide
our actions*

Expecting excellence
*of ourselves, our students,
and our schools*

Prioritizing equity
so every student can succeed



Creating High Expectations for All

Participating schools create cultures of high academic expectations for all students, teachers, and administrators by:

- ▶ Increasing the number of students engaged in rigorous curricula that promote access to higher-level academic classes and prepare them for success in college, career, and life.
- ▶ Improving student academic achievement through training, supporting, and equipping teachers with research-based teaching strategies, deeper content knowledge, and classroom resources.
- ▶ Supporting student success by empowering administrators to serve as strong instructional leaders at their schools.



A+ College Ready **GRANT OFFERINGS**

Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program (APTIP):

Our traditional three-year grant program for high schools. Schools receive high-quality training, teacher and student incentives, supplies, curricular materials, student study sessions, AP exam subsidies, and other ongoing support.

Middle School Training and Incentive Program (MSTIP):

An adaptation of our traditional APTIP program specifically designed for middle schools. Schools receive high-quality training, rigorous curricula fully-aligned to the Alabama Courses of Study, teacher and student incentives, supplies, and other ongoing support.

Individual AP Teacher Training and Incentive Program (ITIP):

A program for individual AP teachers who are new to teaching an AP course or wish to expand access to and success in their AP courses. Teachers receive high-quality training, teacher and student incentives, supplies, curricular materials, student study sessions, AP exam subsidies, and other ongoing support.

"I was handed everything I needed to be successful: a creative, engaging curriculum; lesson ideas and activities; and the resources needed to carry out all of these. Even though I have been teaching this course for a while, the amount of resources was impressive (and inspiring!) and is helping me revamp and refresh to improve my students' chances at success on the (AP) exam."

- Program Participant



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MIDDLE SCHOOL TRAINING AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM (MSTIP)

A partnership for grades 6 - 8 modeled after the highly successful Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program.

Proof of Success

In spring 2023

- 6 Alabama Middle Schools exceeded their achievement goal becoming A+ College Ready Schools of Excellence
- Over 1,100 individual 8th grade students met their academic growth and/or achievement goals
- The number of students meeting the college-readiness benchmark in math increased 61%

INDIVIDUAL AP TEACHER TRAINING AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM (ITIP)

A partnership for individual Advanced Placement teachers modeled after the highly successful Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program.

Who is the Program Designed for?

- AP teachers who begin teaching an AP courses AFTER their school is no longer an A+ College Ready program school
- AP teachers who are new and who need support from schools that have never been part of the A+ College Ready grant program

Proof of Success

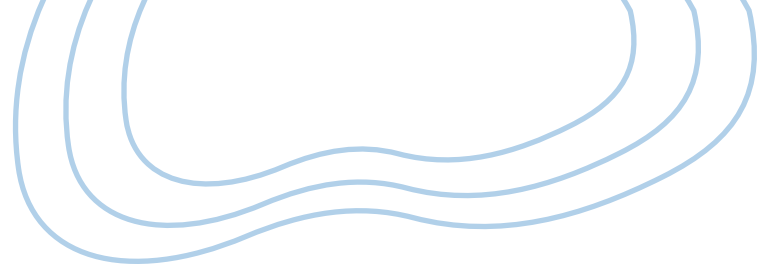
In spring 2023

- 140+ ITIP teachers supported over 8,000 AP students
- 45% of students earned an AP qualifying score and potential college credit



"Very appreciative and thankful for this training. As a first-year teacher, I feel that I now have plenty of resources to help me be successful."

- Program Participant



A+ College Ready PROGRAM RESULTS

From 2009 - 2017, as a direct result of the partnership between A+ College Ready and Alabama High Schools, Alabama led the nation in AP Qualifying score growth.



482

Schools served
since 2009



749

Teachers currently
being served



10,051

AP Enrollments currently
being supported



208%

Increase in qualifying
scores on AP exams
since 2009



353%

Increase in low-income
students taking one or
more AP exams since 2010



434%

Increase in students of
color earning qualifying
scores since 2009



\$360,496,000

In potential college
tuition savings since 2009



1,187

MSTIP PSAT 8/9
Scholars in 2023

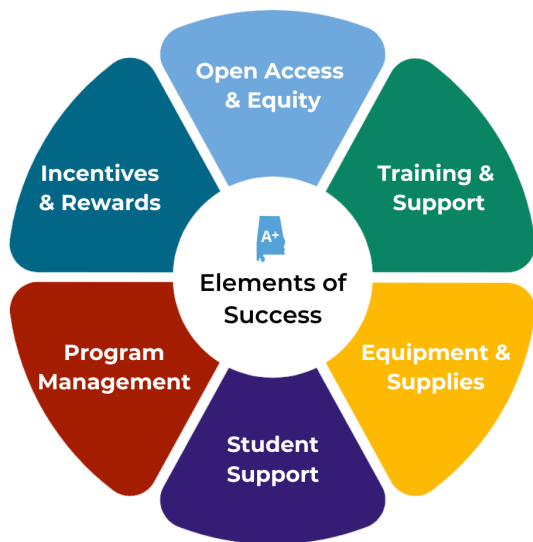
Did you know?

In 2023 Alabama students earned a record number of qualifying scores on AP exams. In addition, students of color earned the highest number of AP qualifying scores in Alabama history.



A+ College Ready ELEMENTS OF SUCCESS

A+ College Ready utilizes six elements to prepare schools, teachers, and students for success in all three grant offerings.



Open Access & Equity

We are committed to centering students and their needs and prioritizing equity so every student can succeed. We provide:

- Rigorous curriculum for all students
- Increased access to Advanced Placement courses for all students

Training & Support

A+ College Ready provides intensive support and training year-round. Our rigorous curricula and training are aligned to the Alabama Courses of Study and the College Board's AP requirements.

Our training supports:

- Teachers
- Administrators
- A+ Coordinators

Equipment & Supplies

Every classroom receives the necessary equipment, materials, and supplies to implement the curricula effectively.

Student Support

Students also receive direct program support with:

- Student Study Sessions for all AP courses
- AP Mock Exams for every AP student
- AP exam fee subsidies

Program Management

Effective implementation of the program provides a structure for schools and teachers to evaluate and sustain their growth. A+ also works to help schools achieve sustainability by:

- Competitive School Selection
- School Memorandum of Agreement
- A+ Coordinator Letter of Agreement
- Teacher Letters of Agreement
- Goal Setting, Data Management, & Analysis

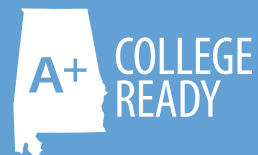
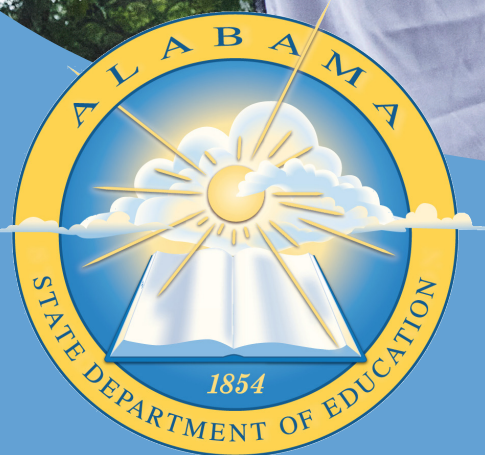
Incentives & Rewards

Students, teachers, and administrators are rewarded and recognized for their hard work through:

- Teacher & A+ Coordinator Stipends
- Student \$100 gift card for each AP qualifying score
- AP Teacher awards for qualifying scores and reaching aggressive goals
- Student \$50 gift card for meeting MSTIP growth or achievement goal
- Administrator stipend for earning ACLD-approved PLU
- School recognition for reaching school goals

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