

Advanced Placement Incentives Pilot Program

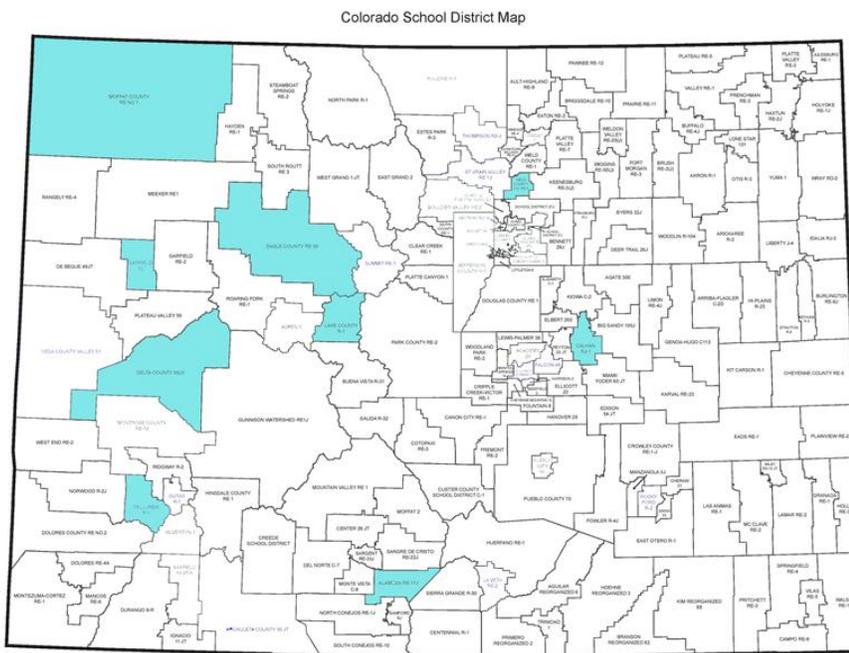
The Advanced Placement Incentives Pilot Program (AP Incentives) began during the 2014-15 school year. The program is designed to incentivize the implementation and/or expansion of Advanced Placement (AP) programs to build capacity for increased AP participation in rural and small rural school districts across Colorado.

Districts and Schools

First Year of Funding

AP Incentives awarded \$237,500 in incentives to 10 participating high schools in nine school districts across Colorado. These districts and schools represent a diverse cross-section of Colorado’s rural and small rural school districts and will serve 475 students in reaching their AP goals.

District Map of Counselor Corps Participants 2014-2015



Allocation of Incentives

- To be eligible for AP Incentives, a school must meet the definition of being in a rural or small rural district, according to the CDE’s definition.
- Distribution of AP Incentives is prioritized based on the school’s free and reduced lunch participation and the number of participating students.

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Demographics

- The average free and reduced Lunch rate among Colorado high schools is 42 percent and the average FRL rate of the high schools participating in AP Incentives is 46 percent.
- Of the 10 high schools receiving AP Incentive dollars, eight are located in rural school districts and two are located in small rural school districts, as designated by CDE.



- 1,957 AP Incentives were requested for the 2014-15 school year. 475 incentives were awarded based on available funds representing 24 percent of the total requested incentives.

Use of Incentives

Implementation and Expansion

- Each school that participates in the pilot program receives \$500 per participating student's completion of an AP course and the correlated AP exam.
- Incentive Award must be used for:
 - Professional development programs for teachers and administrators to improve understanding of content, placement and instructional strategies;
 - Enhancing online access to Advanced Placement;
 - Teacher or mentor incentives.

Where can I learn more?

- AP Incentives Guidelines and Definitions
 - www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/apincentives
- C.R.S. 22-95-105 (AP Incentives Bill)
 - www.statebillinfo.com/bills/bills/14/1118_enr.pdf
- To view all CDE fact sheets, visit: www.cde.state.co.us/Communications/factsheetsandfaqs