Advanced Placement (AP), Accelerated Placement, Honors and Early College Credit

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Educational Services Update

Advanced Placement

Mr. Paul Oswald, Curriculum Director for Social Science and World Language

Current AP Course Offerings

AP African American Studies	AP Biology	AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry	AP Computer Science A	AP Computer Science Principles	AP English Language
AP English Literature	AP Environmental Science	AP European History	AP Human Geography
AP Microeconomics	AP Music Theory	AP Physics 1	AP Physics 2
AP Psychology	AP Seminar	AP Spanish Language	AP Spanish Literature
AP Statistics	AP Studio Art	AP US Government	AP US History

AP Program 2024-25

Year 1 of the AP Grant Cycle

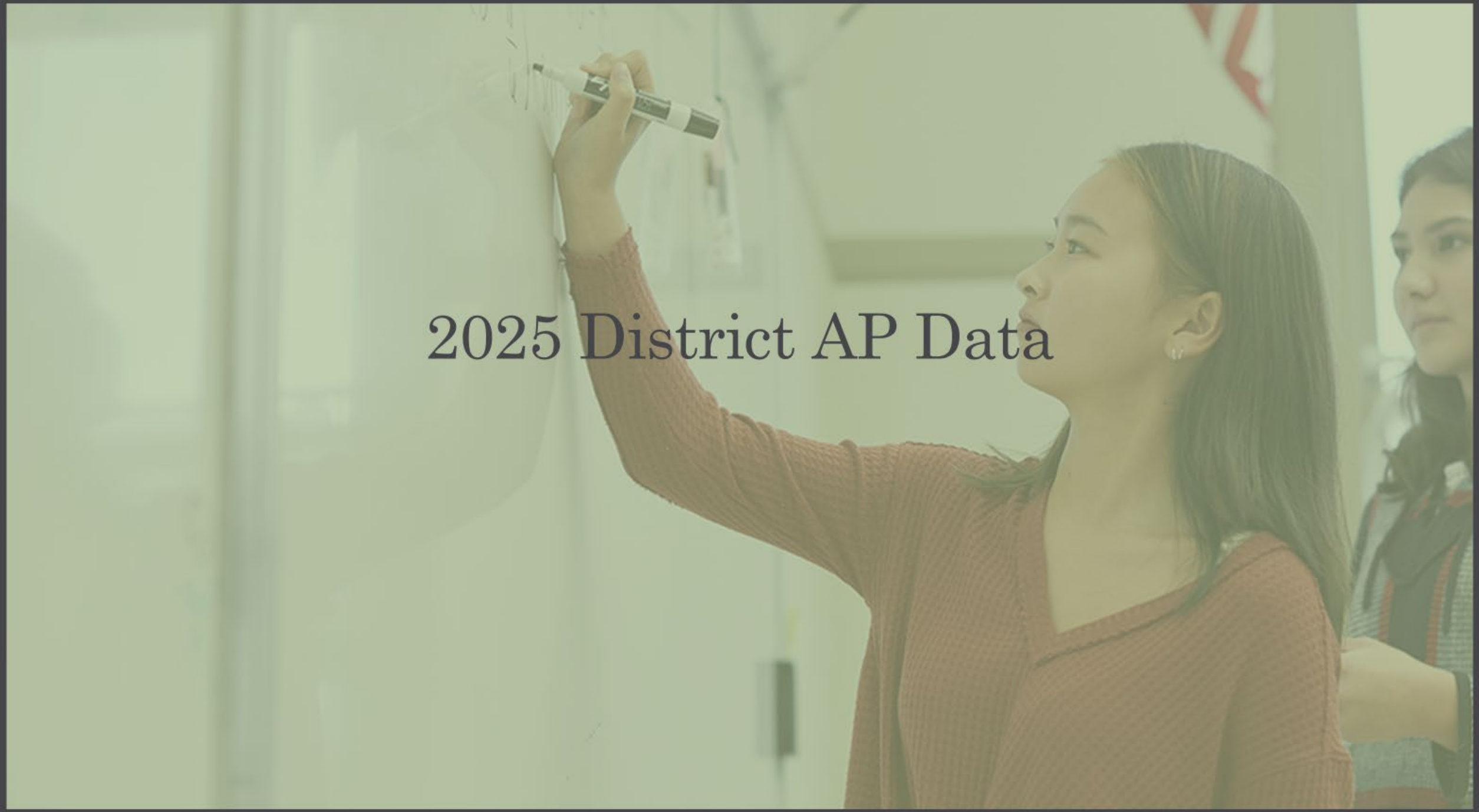
- Funds used for APSI training (from previous grant), planning/collaboration and test prep
- Albert.io usage (test prep software)
- AP Steering Committee

Accelerated Program with Class of 2028

- Increase in AP Human Geography, Honors English 1, Honors Biology, and Honors Math courses at both campuses
- 3 APHUG Teachers at each campus
- Began to implement AP advisories to help students who were struggling
- Accelerated student populations for 2025-26; increase again in AP/Honors coursework
- More AP English Language staff at each campus for 2025-26

Continued Use of Practice Exams

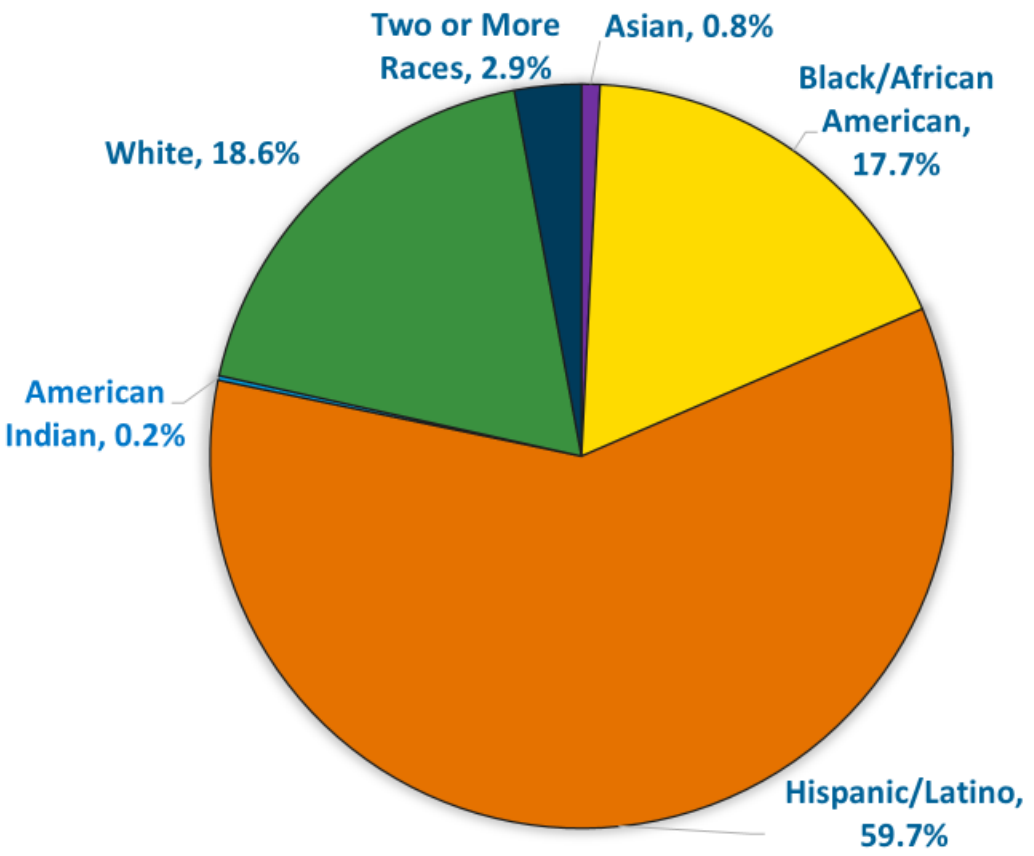
- 500+ students choose to take at least 1 practice exam



2025 District AP Data

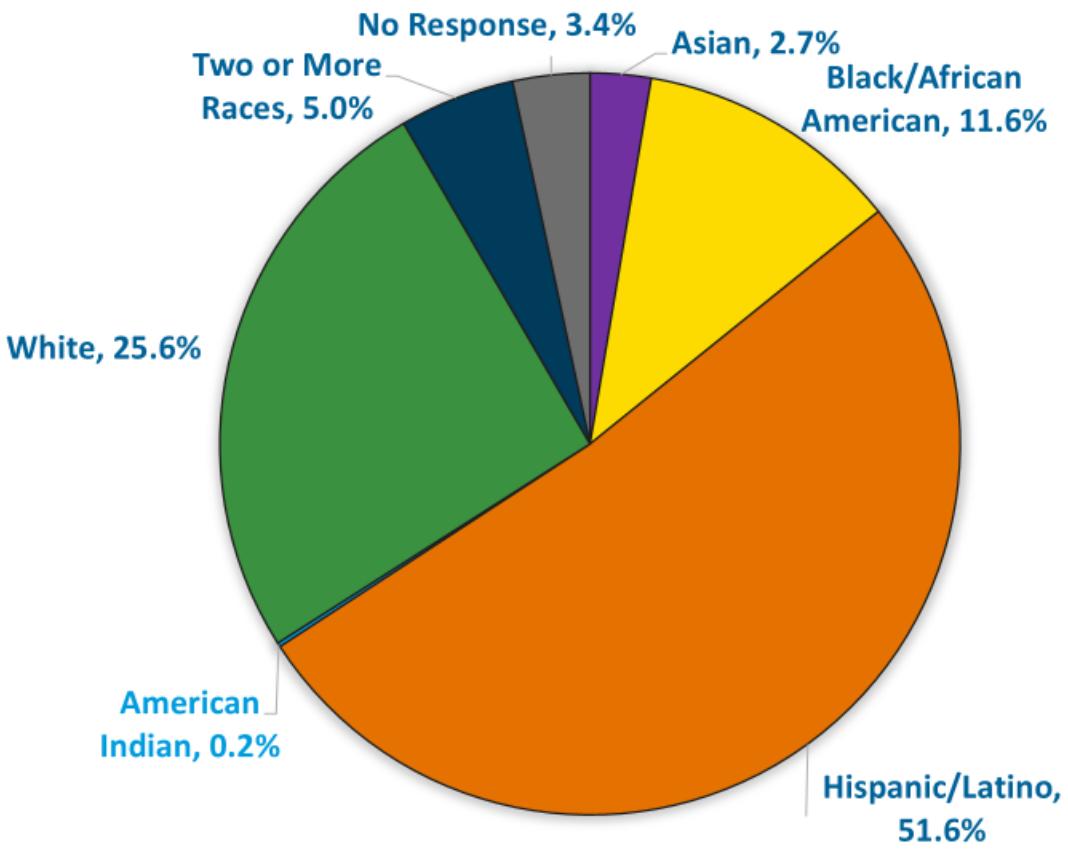
AP 2025 Exam Participation by Race/Ethnicity

Joliet Township **All** HS Student Demographics

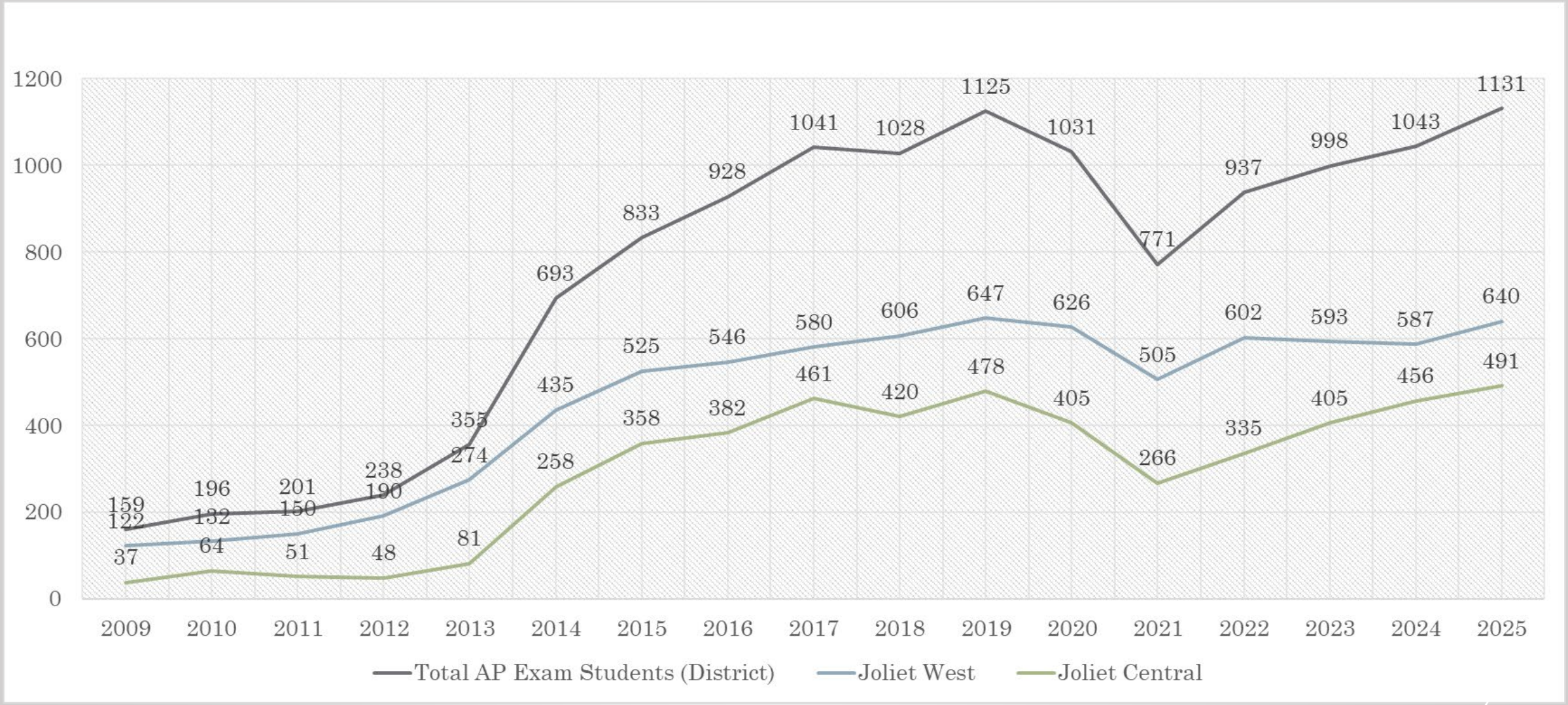


Source: *Illinois Report Card*

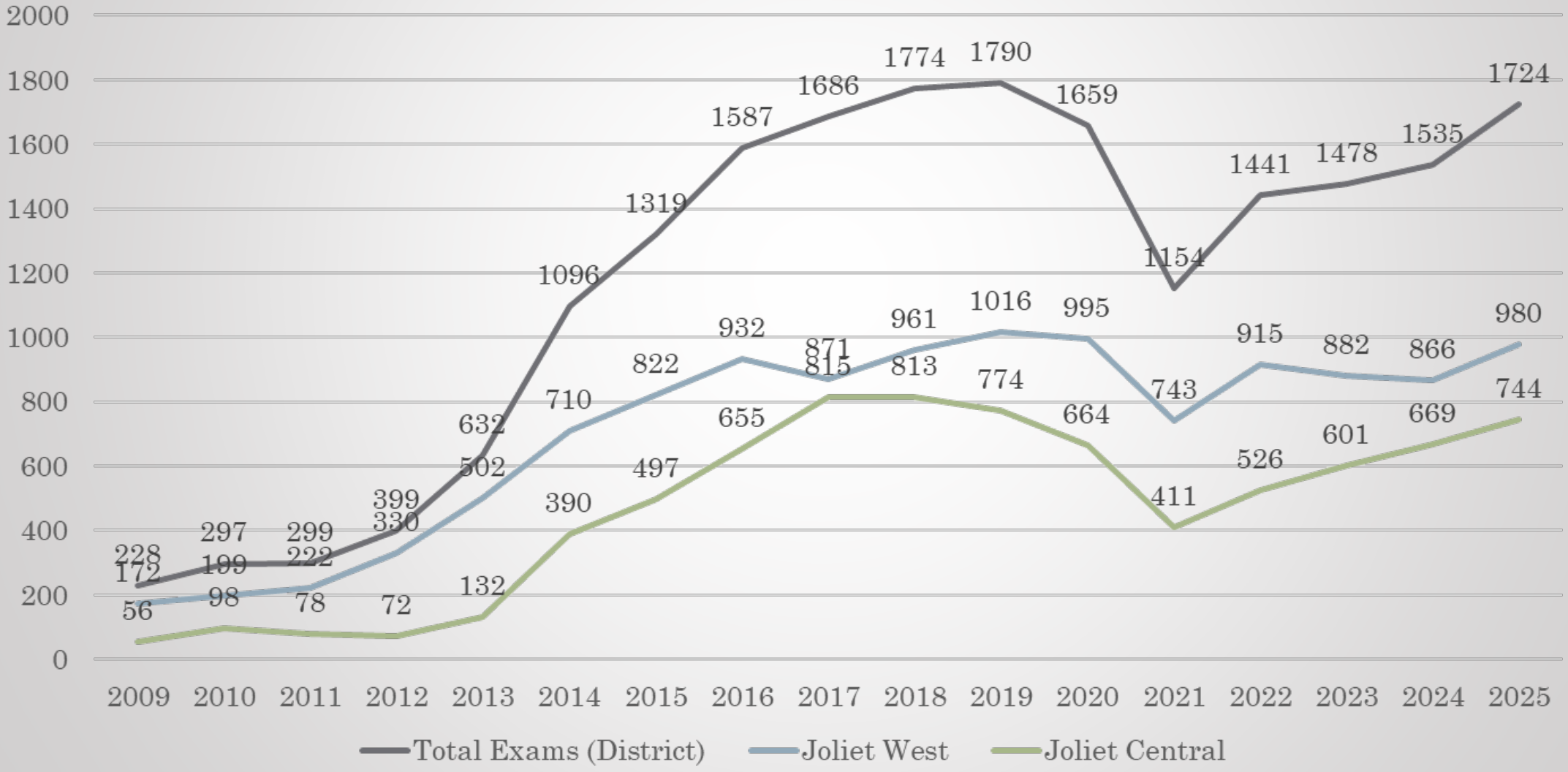
Joliet Township **AP** Student Demographics



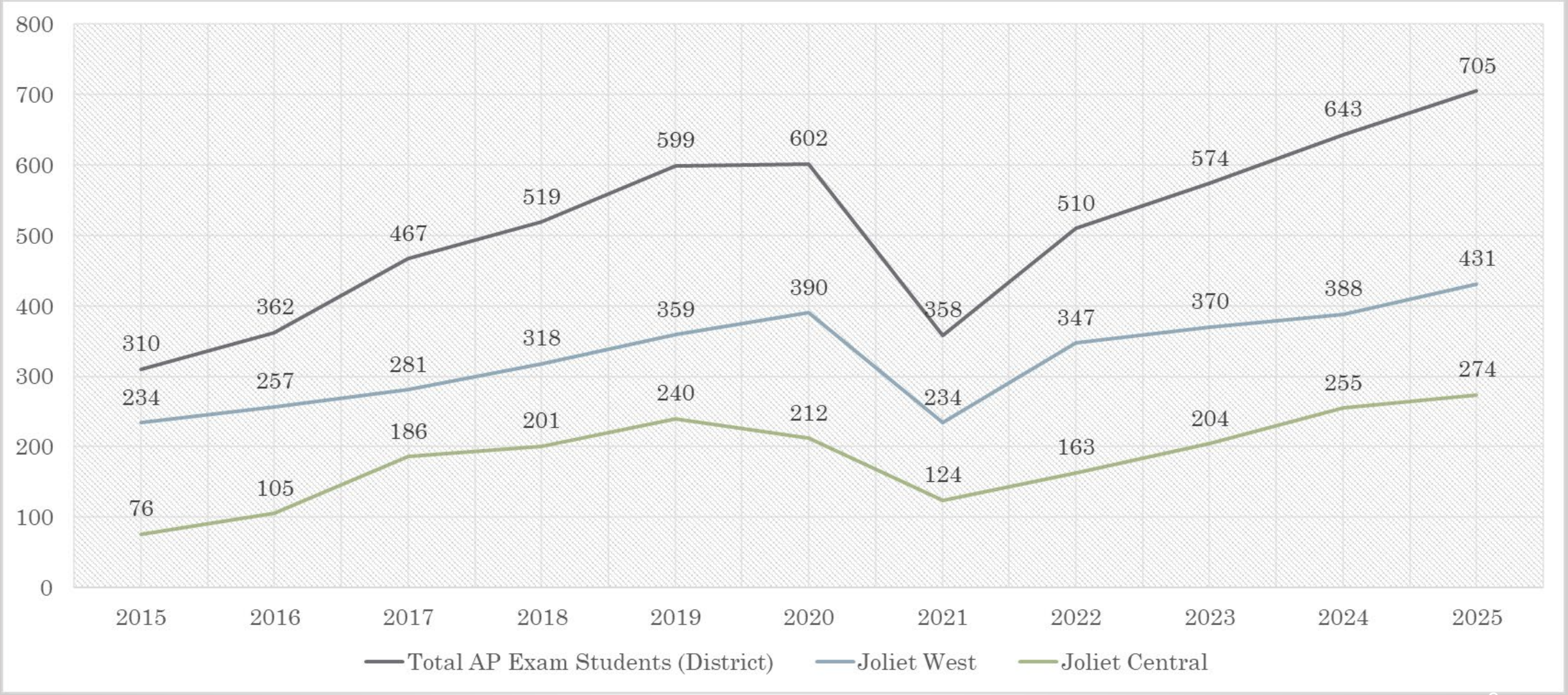
AP Participation & Access (Students)



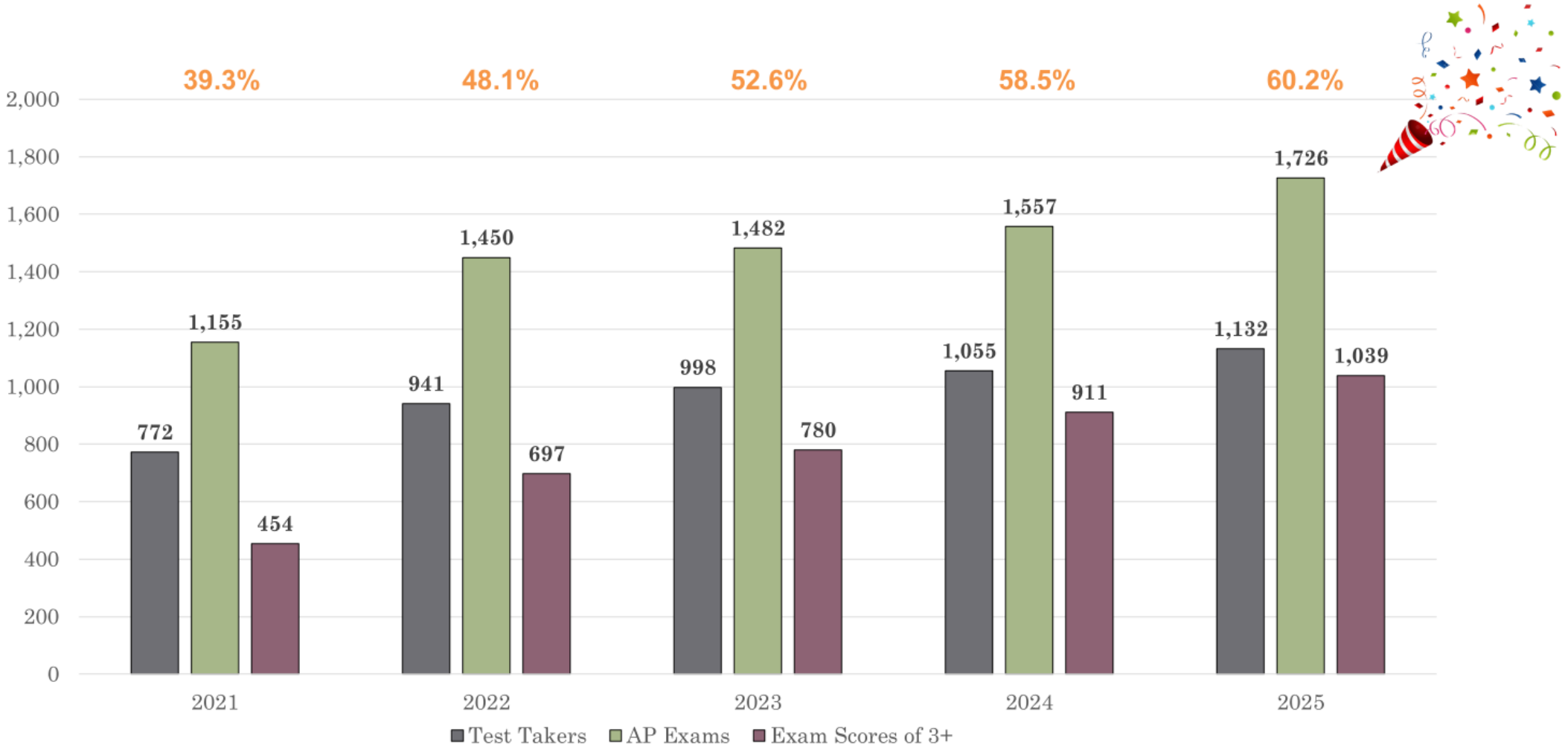
Growth and Access (Exams)



AP Students with a Score of 3+



Advanced Placement Data Trends: **District**



AP Performance by Race/Ethnicity

JTHS District 204

Race	# of Exam2017	Mean Score 2017	# of Exams 2018	Mean Score 2018	# of Exams 2019	Mean Score 2019	# of Exams 2020	Mean Score 2020	# of Exams 2021	Mean Score 2021	# of Exams 2022	Mean Score 2022	# of Exams 2023	Mean Score 2023	# of Exams 2024	Mean Score 2024	# of Exam 2025	Mean Score 2025
White	669	2.53	675	2.65	693	2.68	649	2.80	493	2.51	548	2.77	448	2.89	476	3.03	**470**	**3.28**
Hispanic	752	2.19	807	2.32	795	2.38	708	2.46	454	2.19	617	2.37	745	2.49	795	2.70	**880**	**2.69**
Black	134	1.85	128	2.15	151	2.28	114	2.28	91	2.25	133	2.20	119	2.44	113	2.71	**181**	**2.56**
Asian	38	2.50	48	2.83	60	2.95	65	3.08	41	2.76	38	3.05	54	3.33	60	3.55	**59**	**3.46**
Multi	72	2.46	71	2.62	69	2.57	53	2.28	24	2.46	45	2.22	54	2.50	62	2.89	**80**	**2.98**

AP Scholars – Celebrating Excellence

JTHS District 204

AP Scholar: Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on ***three*** or more AP Exams

AP Scholar with Honor: Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on ***four or more*** of these exams

AP Scholar with Distinction: Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on ***five or more*** of these exams

Year	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honor	AP Scholar with Distinction
2015	30	6	8
2016	50	19	13
2017	119	29	12
2018	163	30	27
2019	95	25	32
2020	197	37	30
2021	58	29	22
2022	81	26	25
2023	99	28	20
2024	105	41	40
2025	**124**	**56**	**55**

Accelerated Placement at JTHS

Mr. Paul Oswald

Why Automatic Enrollment?

- **Illinois Public Act 101-0654** states that each school district shall develop a plan to expand access to its accelerated placement programs before November 2022.

- "The College Board strongly encourages educators to make equitable access a guiding principle for their AP programs by giving all willing and academically prepared students the opportunity to participate in AP…." *(The College Board's Equity and Access Policy Statement)*

Group	AP Exam Attempts 2022	District Demographics
Asian	2%	1%
AA/Black	10%	18%
Latino/ Hispanic	43%	60%
White	35%	19%
2 or more races	4%	3%
Other or No Response	5%	n/a

Group	AP Exam Attempts 2022	District Demographics
Low Income	41%	58%
Not Low Income	59%	42%

Implementation of Automatic Enrollment

Accelerated Summer Bridge

Impact of Automatic Enrollment

- AP Exams taken has increased each year since 2022.
- Reduced Gaps in Access and Opportunity
- Test score outcomes are improving despite increased access.
  - **Support systems are working!**
- Cultural Shift in Expectations

All JTHS AP Students		
Year	# AP Exams	Mean Score
2022	1450	2.53
2023	1468	2.65
2024	1535	2.84
2025	1724	2.88

Low Income JTHS AP Students		
Year	# AP Exams	Mean Score
2022	597	2.31
2023	675	2.51
2024	786	2.74
2025	847	2.69

Group	AP Exam Attempts 2022	AP Exam Attempts 2025	District Demographics 24-25
Asian	2%	3%	1%
AA/Black	10%	12%	18%
Latino/ Hispanic	43%	52%	60%
White	35%	26%	19%
2 or more races	4%	5%	3%
Other or No Response	5%	3%	n/a

Accelerated Enrollment & Grades 24-25

JTHS District 204

Course	# of Students Accelerated		Percentage of Students with an A, B or C	Percentage of Students with an A, B, or C
	M1	M2	M1	M2
Advanced Algebra Honors	3	3	99%	66%
Algebra 1 Honors	60	58	61%	82%
AP Human Geography	110	107	76%	67%
Biology Honors	113	105	78%	77%
Geometry Honors	5	5	100%	80%
Pre-AP English 1 Honors	116	105	74%	79%

24-25 Accelerated Data (AP Scores for APHUG)

	# of Students Enrolled in AP Human Geography	AP Exam Scores				
		1	2	3	4	5
Central Campus	51	4	29	14	3	0
West Campus	103	13	51	28	8	3

Note: The average score for APHUG was **2.7**

AVID Elective

Dr. Sean Hackney, Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning

Dr. Jeff Riley, Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning

AVID Elective

Advancement Via Individual Determination is an academic support program that prepares students for college eligibility and success.

Previous Professional Development for Teachers

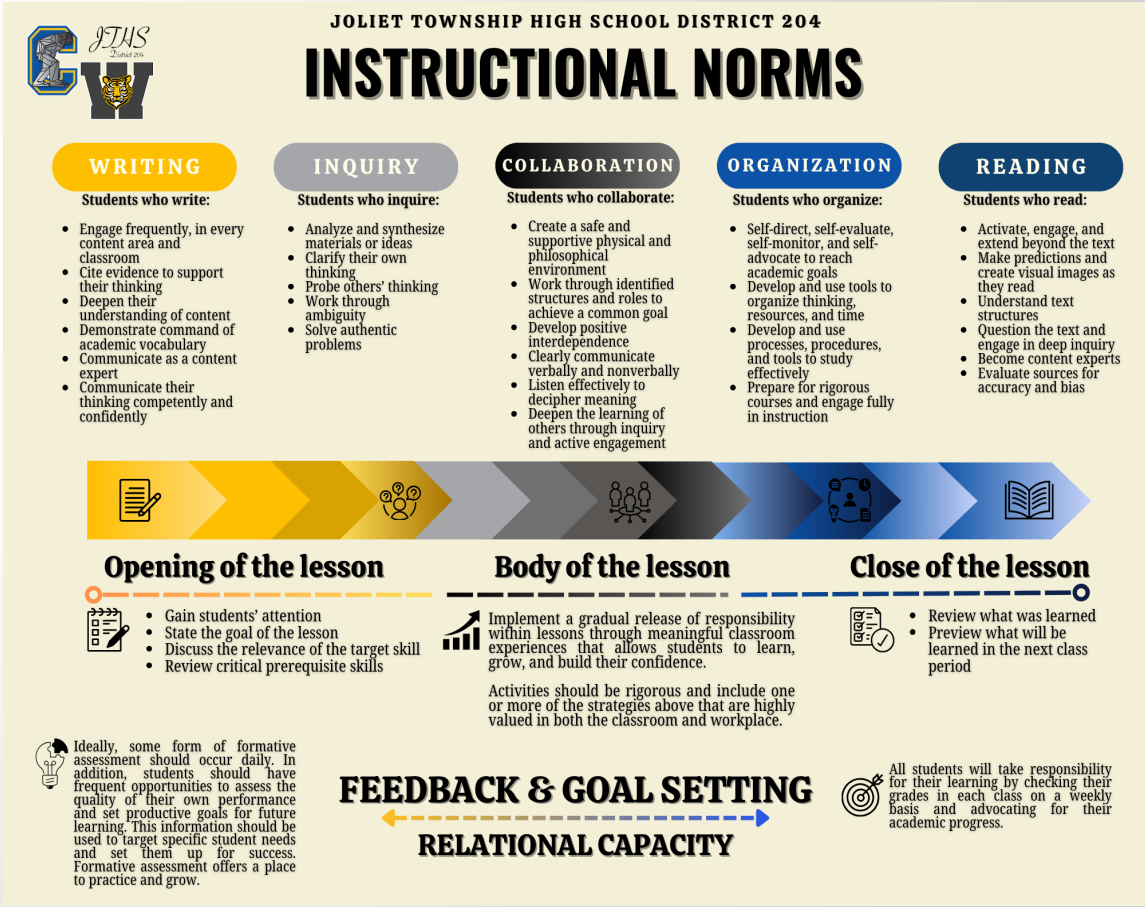
- Elective: 6
- Math: 11
- Science: 7
- Social Science: 6
- English: 14

School Year Path to Secondary Implementation

- All core teachers (SIP Days)

Summer '26 Professional Development

- Elective teachers
- Math/English teachers
- Special Education Teachers
- CTE Teachers
- World Language Teachers



AVID Elective

Year	Campus	% Passing Core Courses	% Chronically Absent
23-24 (Advisory)	Central	48 students; 61% passed	10%
	West	49 students; 61%	8%
24-25	Central	89 students; 80%	2%
	West	53 students; 94%	13%
25-26	Central	158 students	8%
	West	106 students	7%

STAR Reading
Central
23-24: 5 students urgent intervention
24-25: 6 students urgent intervention
West
23-24: 2 students urgent intervention
24-25: 0 students urgent intervention

STAR Math
Central
23-24: 3 students urgent intervention
24-25: 5 students urgent intervention
West
23-24: 2 students urgent intervention
24-25: 0 students urgent intervention

Dual Credit

Mrs. Nicole McMorris, Curriculum Director for Math

Mrs. Susi Montano, Curriculum Director for English and Fine Arts

Mr. Chris McGuffey, Curriculum Director for Career and Technical Education

Dual Credit: 24-25 Overview

- 30x Unique Dual Credit Courses
  - Including 5x Dual Enrollment Programs
- 1,150 Duplicated Students Earning College Credit
- 3,838 Total College Credits Awarded
- Near $0 Cost to Students
  - Exception: Paid student cost = $12 per credit @ JJC
  - Avg JJC Tuition Cost = $174 per credit

Dual Credit: Impact

- JJC Tuition Cost (Typical Course) = **$151 per Credit Hour**

- Assuming Lowest JJC Tuition Cost:
  - **24-25 JTHS Students Saved $695,657**

    Conservative Estimate

Credits	Cost After High School	Stu Count
1	$151	0
2	$302	1
3	$453	273
4	$604	22
5	$755	60
6	$906	191
7	$1,057	7
8	$1,208	9
9	$1,359	38
10	$1,510	47
11	$1,661	10
12	$1,812	21
13	$1,963	4
14	$2,114	6
15	$2,265	18
16	$2,416	15
17	$2,567	2
18	$2,718	6
19	$2,869	0
20	$3,020	5
21	$3,171	1
22	$3,322	0
23	$3,473	1
24	$3,624	0
25	$3,775	1

24-25

Dual Credit: English + Math

JTHS Course	Inst	Credit	Cost	Stu Count	Total Credits
Rhetoric 101	JJC	3	$36	263	789
Rhetoric 102	JJC	3	$36	245	735
AP Statistics	JJC	4	$48	87	348
Honors Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry	JJC	5	$60	88	440
AP Calculus AB	JJC	5	$60	26	130

- Dual Credit Fees = WAIVED for FRL students

Dual Credit: FACS

JTHS Course	Inst	Credit	Cost	Stu Count	Total Credits
Early Childhood Education	LEW	3	~~$105~~	27	81
Exploring the Teaching Profession	USF	3	~~$50~~	24	72
Teaching in a Diverse Environment	USF	3	~~$50~~	0	0
Technology for Teaching and Learning	USF	2	~~$50~~	0	0
Fashion Construction	COD	3	$0	73	219
Culinary Arts 1	JJC	3	$36	8	24
Consumer Economics	JJC	3	$36	100	300

- Education Dual Credit ~~Fees~~ are Grant Funded
- Dual Credit Fees = WAIVED for FRL students

Dual Credit: Business + Tech

JTHS Course	Inst	Credit	Cost	Stu Count	Total Credits
Accounting 1	JJC	3	$36	20	60
Marketing	JJC	3	$36	0	0
Exploring Entrepreneurship	JJC	3	$36	15	45
Vocational Automotive Maintenance 1	JJC	3	$36	0	0
Engineering & Architecture 1	JJC	3	$36	84	252

- Dual Credit Fees = WAIVED for FRL students

Dual Credit: Dual Enrollment

JTHS Course	Inst	Credit	Cost	Stu Count	Total Credits
CNA	JJC	6	~~$1,061~~	22	132
Fire Science	JJC	9	~~$362~~	7	63
Law Enforcement	JJC	9	~~$538~~	4	36
AIM - Advanced Integragted Maintenance	JJC	14	~~$2,858~~	6	70
ACE - Architecture, Construction, Engineering	JJC	11	~~$1,811~~	4	44
*AET - Applied Engineering Technology	JJC	9		0	0

- Dual Enrollment takes place off-campus (@ JJC)
- Dual Enrollment ~~Tuition~~ is Grant Funded
- *NEW for 25-26

Transitional Courses

Transitional Math & English

- Definition of transitional course
  - Community colleges and high schools work in partnership to create courses which emphasize authentic learning experiences aligned with careers as well as a student's life and future coursework.
- Originated from the Post-secondary and Workforce Readiness Act
- Transitional Math Partnership with JJC since 2019-2020
- Transitional English Partnership with JJC since 2023-2024
- Teachers attend JJC's Annual Dual Credit/Transitional Math Summit for Professional Learning & Networking Opportunities

Transitional Math

- Enrollment & Impact-student portability %

Enrollment (# students)	24-25	*Earned Portability %
Central	115	62 (54%)
West	82	54 (66%)

Note: "Portability" means the student successfully completed the state-approved Transitional Math course and is guaranteed placement into a college-level math course at any Illinois community college and participating public university.

Transitional English

- Enrollment & Impact-student portability %

Enrollment (# students)	24-25	*Earned Portability %
Central	854	699 (82%)
West	900	610 (68%)

Note: "Portability" means the student successfully completed the state-approved Transitional English course and is guaranteed placement into a college-level English 101 at any Illinois community college and participating public university.

Project Lead the Way

Mr. Chris McGuffey, Director for Career and Technical Education

Mr. Pat O'Neill, Director for Science and Applied Life

PLTW: Project Lead the Way

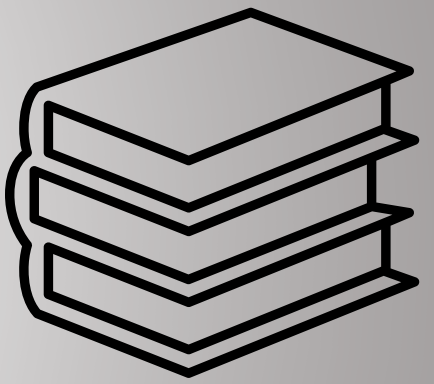
- **Biomedical Pathway**
  - Principles of Biomedical Science
  - Human Body Systems
  - Medical Interventions
  - Biomedical Innovations

- **Engineering Pathway**
  - Introduction to Engineering Design
  - Principles of Engineering
  - Engineering Design and Development

Program Highlights

- Students recognized by universities
- Honors weighted elective
- College credit awarded at Illinois Universities:
  - Benedictine University
  - Northern Illinois University
- Career focused field trips and guest speakers
- Project-based learning courses that provide students with the skills to solve real-world challenges.

High School Classwork at the Sender Schools



8th Grade Honors Math at JTHS

- History:
  - 8th grade students attend a 1st period honors math class at Joliet Central and Joliet West
  - Partnerships with Elwood School & Rockdale School since 2016-2017
  - Students take Algebra 1 Honors and Geometry Honors
  - Students have space to take more AP, Dual Credit and/or other electives prior to graduation

Policy 6:315 - High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8

- JTHS Policy 6:315
  - A student who successfully completes a course required for a high school diploma while in grades 7 and 8 shall receive academic credit for the course.
- JTHS Procedure language: Course offered must be part of the high school current course offerings.
  - Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 Honors-7th or 8th grade
  - Geometry or Geometry Honors-8th grade only
  - Advanced Algebra or Advanced Algebra Honors-8th grade only
  - Pre-AP English 1 Honors-8th grade only
  - Pre-AP Biology Honors-8th grade only
  - Spanish 1-8th grade only
- 24-25 School Year
  - High School Honors Geometry-Troy Middle School
- 25-26 School Year
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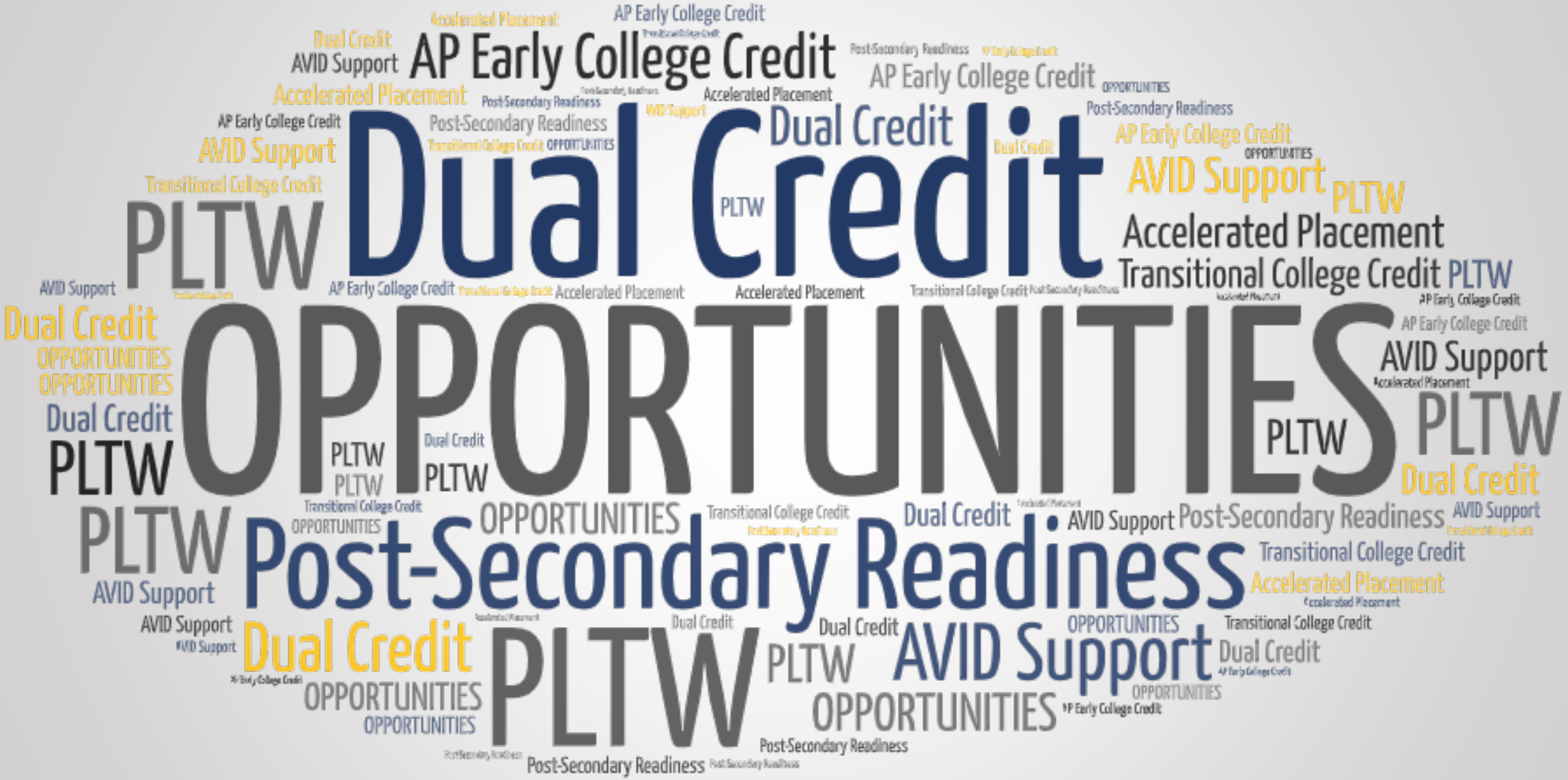
  - High School Honors Geometry-Troy Middle School
- 26-27 School Year
  - Add High School English 1-Troy Middle School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