

## **AP Trends – February 2006**

### **More students are taking AP exams<sup>1</sup>**

- From 2004 to 2005—The number of Florida AP test takers increased by 15%, compared to 11% for the nation.
- From 1999 to 2005—Florida saw a 125% increase in test takers, compared to 81% for the nation.
- The largest increases were among African American students, with a 20% increase from 04 to 05 and a 180% increase from 99 to 05.
- Hispanics were not far behind—with a 16% increase from 04 to 05 and 177% increase from 99 to 05.
- Overall, the number of AP test takers as a percentage of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders increased from 14% in 1999 to 24% in 2005.

### **The number of exams taken are also up.** (Many students take more than 1 exam.)

- Florida experienced a 15% increase in the number of exams taken (04 to 05) and a 135% increase from 99 to 05.
- AP test takers in Florida take more exams than do AP test takers nationwide. Overall, test takers nationwide take an average of 1.72 exams, compared to 1.80 for Florida.

### **Number of AP exams with grades of 3 to 5**

- The number of AP exams with grades of 3 to 5 increased 9% from 04 to 05, 102% from 99 to 05.<sup>2</sup>
- The number of exams with grades of 3 to 5 among African Americans increased by 132% from 99 to 05.

### **Based on College Board news release:**

- Florida, along with Maryland and the District of Columbia, has achieved the milestone of seeing Hispanic student representation in AP courses outpace Hispanic students represented in non-AP courses.
- In the College Board news release, Florida had more schools than any other state except California cited as having exemplary AP programs.

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<sup>1</sup> All statistics are for students in public schools.

<sup>2</sup> With more students taking exams, the percentage of exams with a 3-to-5 score decreased from 55% to 47%.