

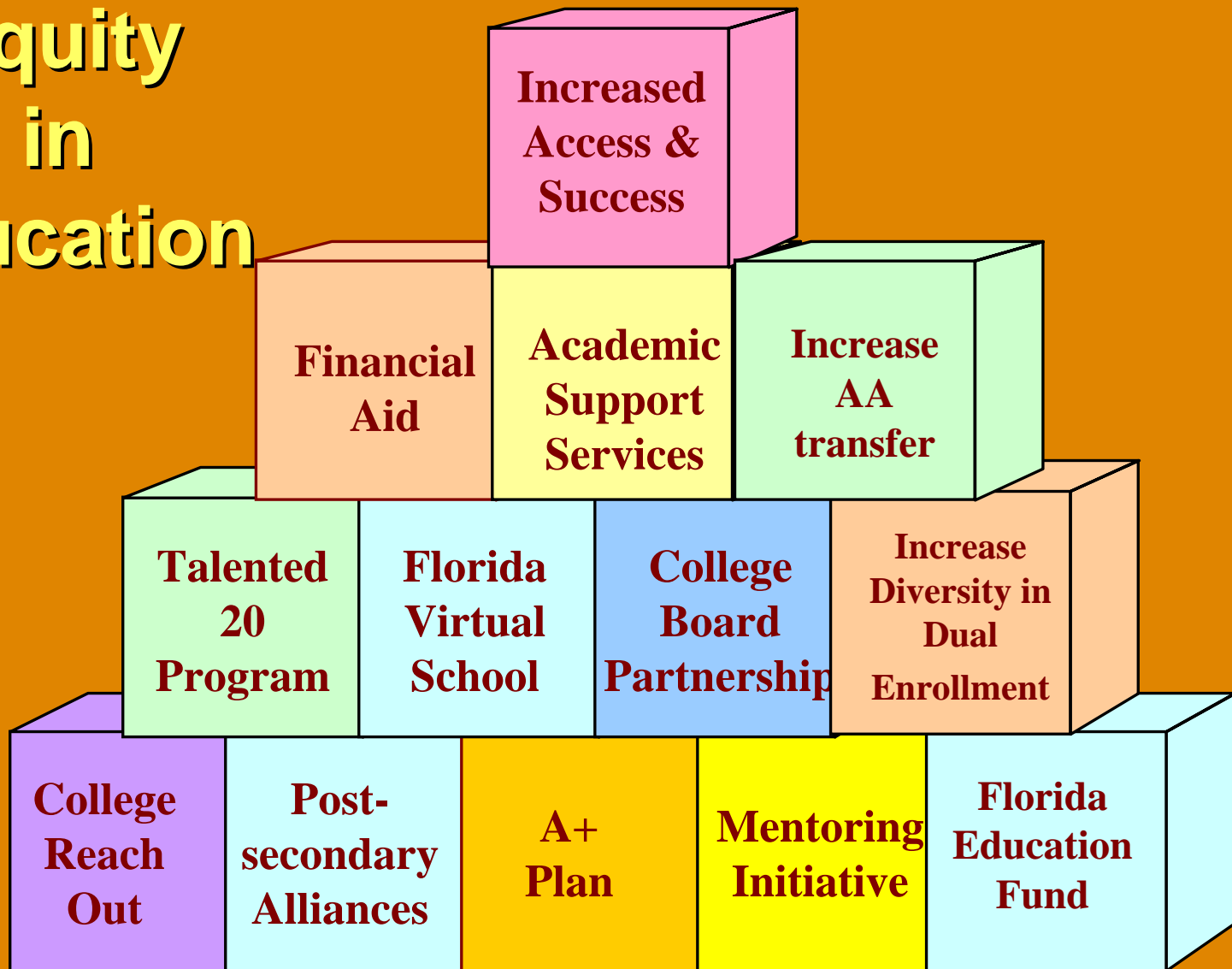
Report on Advanced Placement in Florida and the Nation

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Florida's AP Students continue
to excel in participation and
performance

What are we doing to
make a difference?

Equity in Education



Minority and Underrepresented Student Achievement Partnership Contract

Goal:

To raise student achievement overall and increase college participation and college completion rates among minority and underrepresented students.

Increasing the Pipeline of Better prepared Students

- ✦ School Administrator Focus
- ✦ Teacher Focus
- ✦ Student Focus
- ✦ Cultural Shift

Administrator Focus

- ✦ Pair Master Principals and consultants with Pilot school principals to assist in the infusion of more rigorous academic courses.
- ✦ District and School Coordinator meetings to increase support for Academic Rigor
- ✦ Scholarships for Administrators
- ✦ Monitoring increases/decreases in student enrollment in AP, Honors, Dual Enrollment and Level III courses via Annual Monitoring Work Plans

Teacher Focus

- ✦ AP Summer Institutes - training AP teachers
- ✦ PRE-AP training for Middle School teachers
- ✦ Counselor Leadership Training for moving to Rigor
- ✦ Scholarships for Teachers

Student Focus

- ✦ Automatic registration of students into more rigorous courses
- ✦ PRE-AP Rigor in Middle Schools and High Schools
- ✦ High quality teachers
- ✦ AP exam readiness reviews for Students via Florida Virtual School

Changing the Culture

Partnerships

- College Board
- College Reach Out Program
- Florida Education Fund, Centers of Excellence
- Faith and Community-Based Outreach
- Broward and Miami-Dade Urban Leagues
- Minority Empowerment Diversity Development, Inc.
- FDOE Entities

The Results!!!



Highlights

Florida's Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) is noteworthy of recognition.

In 2005, 18.5% of Florida public high school seniors graduated with one or more AP grades of 3 or higher, as compared to 13.5% in 2000 – a five percentage point jump in five years. Only five other states in the country have had a five-year increase of 5 percentage points or more.

Florida is one of five states poised to cross the threshold of having 20% of public school students graduating with one or more successful AP Exam grades.

Significant Milestone

Florida, Maryland and the District of Columbia are the only states and district to have achieved the significant milestone of seeing Latino student representation in AP Courses outpace Latino student representation in non-AP Courses.

- 19.5% of Florida public school students are Latino, but 23.4% of AP Exam takers in Florida are Latino.

Best in the Country

Nine Florida public schools are recognized in *AP Report to the Nation 2006* as having the best AP Courses in the country. No other state in the country has as many public schools recognized.

Nine All-Stars

- ✦ Alex W. Dreyfoos Jr. School of the Arts, WPB
- ✦ Barbara Goleman High School, Miami
- ✦ Coral Reef Senior High School, Miami
- ✦ Cypress Bay High School, Weston
- ✦ Design & Architecture Senior High School, Miami
- ✦ G. Holmes Braddock High School, Miami
- ✦ Miami Coral Park Senior High School, Miami
- ✦ Miami Palmetto Senior High School, Miami
- ✦ Miami Sunset Senior High School, Miami

Once again, Florida had the greatest number of AA/Black AP Exam takers and the greatest number of 3+ grades received by AA/Black students when compared to all other states.

This year, Florida also had the greatest number of AP Exams administered to AA/Black students when compared to all other states.

Florida public schools had the greatest one-year percentage increase in the number of AA/Black AP Exam takers and the number of AP Exams administered to AA/Black students among the four most populous states.

Additionally, Florida tied California for the greatest one-year percentage increase in the number of 3+ grades received by AA/Black AP Exam takers among the four most populous states.

AP participation for Hispanic students in Florida's public schools is close to double the participation for Hispanic students seen nationwide for the second year in a row.

Looking Ahead

- ✦ Continue monitoring district expansion of AP Exam offerings and AP enrollment of minority and underrepresented students
- ✦ Anticipated increase in Partnership funds will allow for increased opportunities for Pre-AP training for middle school teachers and additional slots in AP Summer Institutes among other efforts.
- ✦ Partner with DOE's Teacher Recruitment and Retention and School Improvement Units to promote increased numbers of minority teachers participating in AP training opportunities

Looking Ahead

- ✦ Continue to promote the cultural shift necessary to further engage minority and underrepresented students in more rigorous academic and career pursuits.
- ✦ Work with faith and community-based entities to foster an increased awareness among parents of potential first generation in college students of the necessity for greater academic rigor.