

**FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Reports, Updates, and Discussions**  
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**SUBJECT:** 2006 Advanced Placement Report to the Nation

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Information

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The College Board recently released its second annual Advanced Placement Report to the Nation. Nationwide results indicated an increase in the overall percentage of high school students earning a grade of three or higher in college-level AP courses since 2000. Florida was distinguished as one of six states showing the greatest amount of positive change since 2000 in the proportion of students who succeed on an AP exam in high school and one of three states that have achieved the significant milestone of seeing Latino student representation in AP courses outpace Latino student representation in non-AP courses. Florida was also cited as having more exemplary AP programs than any other state, except California. However, challenges still remain. The report indicated that there is a need for more representation of traditionally underrepresented student populations in AP courses and a need for continuation of major initiatives that prepare teachers and students for the rigors of AP.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** AP Trends-February 2006

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