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**ALCOVY HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNIZED BY STATE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT  
AS AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) HONOR SCHOOL**

Newton County School System (NCSS) is pleased to announce that Alcovy High School has been named an AP Honor School by Georgia School Superintendent Dr. John D. Barge. Honor Schools are named in five categories, based on the results of the 2011 AP classes and exams. Those five categories are:

- **AP CHALLENGE SCHOOL:** Schools of 900 or fewer students testing in four of the core areas (English, math, science, and social studies)
- **AP ACCESS & SUPPORT SCHOOLS:** Schools with at least 30% of their AP exams taken by students who identified themselves as African-American and/or Hispanic and 30% of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher.
- **AP MERIT SCHOOLS:** Schools with at least 20% of the student population taking AP exams and at least 50% of all AP exams earning scores of three (3) or higher.
- **AP STEM SCHOOLS:** Schools with students testing in at least two (2) AP math courses and two (2) AP science courses (AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics B, AP Physics C, AP Computer Science)
- **AP STEM ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOLS:** Schools with students testing in at least 2 AP math courses and 2 AP science courses and at least 40% of the exam scores on AP math and AP science exams earning scores of three (3) or higher .

Alcovy High School was one of only 41 high schools in the state to earn recognition as an AP Access & Support School, meaning at least 30% of the AP exams were taken by students who identified themselves as African-American and/or Hispanic and 30% of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

“Alcovy High School is especially proud of this recent accomplishment,” said Alcovy Principal Dr. LaQuanda Carpenter. “Our Advanced Placement (AP) teachers work extremely hard to ensure that as many students as possible have access to the AP curriculum. Furthermore, the administrators and the AP teachers have worked tirelessly over the last year to revamp our AP program by ensuring that more students have the opportunity to take advantage of and are exposed to AP courses.”

Carpenter added, “This is a very timely announcement considering the fact that we will celebrate our entire population on February 8, 2012 as it has been declared *AP Day in Georgia* by the State Department of Education.”

“Hats off to Alcovy High School! Just one of 41 high schools in Georgia to earn the state’s designation as an exemplary ‘AP Access and Support School’ is a complement to the students, staff, and administration of AHS,” said NCSS Superintendent Gary Mathews. “We certainly want to see this replicated going forward.”

Advanced Placement (AP) classes and exams are administered by the College Board, which also administers the SAT. AP classes offer rigorous college-level learning options to students in high school. Students who receive a 3, 4 or 5 on AP exams may receive college credit.

"Georgia has much to be proud of when it comes to the success of Advanced Placement," Superintendent Barge said. "Much of this success can be attributed to the dedication to rigor and excellence at each of our AP Honor Schools."

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