

# Advanced Placement Incentives Pilot Program

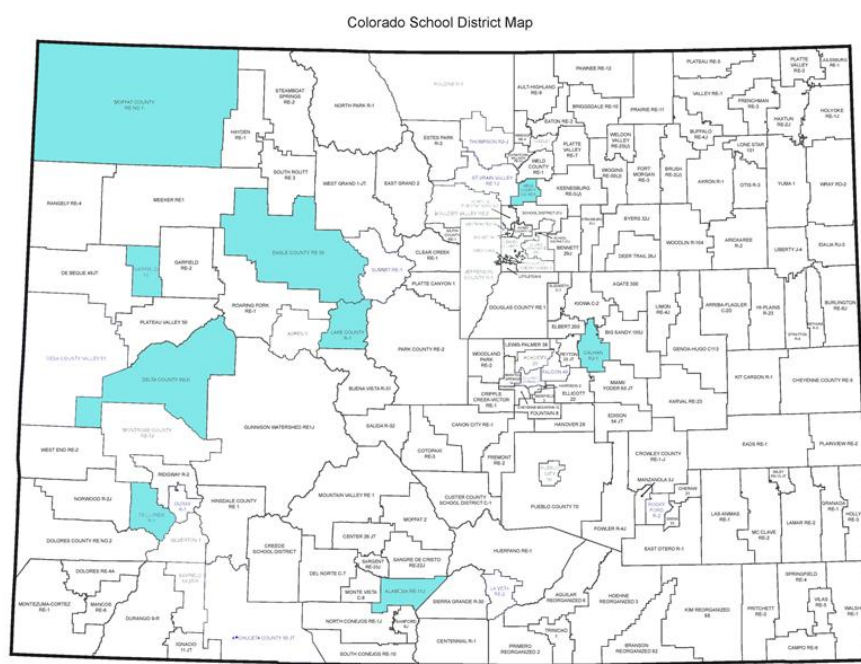
The Advanced Placement Incentives Pilot Program (AP Incentives) began during the 2014-15 school year. The program is designed to incentivize the implementation and/or expansion of Advanced Placement (AP) programs to build capacity for increased AP participation in rural and small rural school districts across Colorado.

## Districts and Schools

### First Year of Funding

AP Incentives awarded \$237,500 in incentives to 10 participating high schools in nine school districts across Colorado. These districts and schools represent a diverse cross-section of Colorado's rural and small rural school districts and will serve 475 students in reaching their AP goals.

### District Map of Counselor Corps Participants 2014-2015



## Allocation of Incentives

- To be eligible for AP Incentives, a school must meet the definition of being in a rural or small rural district, according to the CDE's definition.
- Distribution of AP Incentives is prioritized based on the school's free and reduced lunch participation and the number of participating students.

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## Demographics

- The average free and reduced Lunch rate among Colorado high schools is 42 percent and the average FRL rate of the high schools participating in AP Incentives is 46 percent.
- Of the 10 high schools receiving AP Incentive dollars, eight are located in rural school districts and two are located in small rural school districts, as designated by CDE.



- 1,957 AP Incentives were requested for the 2014-15 school year. 475 incentives were awarded based on available funds representing 24 percent of the total requested incentives.

## Use of Incentives

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### Implementation and Expansion

- Each school that participates in the pilot program receives \$500 per participating student's completion of an AP course and the correlated AP exam.
- Incentive Award must be used for:
  - Professional development programs for teachers and administrators to improve understanding of content, placement and instructional strategies;
  - Enhancing online access to Advanced Placement;
  - Teacher or mentor incentives.

## Where can I learn more?

- AP Incentives Guidelines and Definitions
  - [www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/apincentives](http://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/apincentives)
- C.R.S. 22-95-105 (AP Incentives Bill)
  - [www.statebillinfo.com/bills/bills/14/1118\\_enr.pdf](http://www.statebillinfo.com/bills/bills/14/1118_enr.pdf)
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