



## Northeast High Recognized as AP Honor School

Northeast High School has been named an Advanced Placement (AP) Honor School by State Superintendent Kathy Cox for the second consecutive year. The school is one of more than 80 schools in the state to receive the recognition this year.

Northeast High was recognized in the AP Challenge Schools category as a school with 900 or fewer students offering at least one AP course in each of the four traditional core areas – English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Currently, the school offers AP US Government & Politics, World History, English Language, English Literature, Macro & Micro Economics, Calculus, and Biology.

Through the AP classes, students are exposed to entry level college work, including advanced study skills, essay writing skills, using primary and secondary sources, how to critically analyze literature, and respond to document-based questions.

“The earlier students are exposed to the rigorous coursework in AP classes, the better they are prepared for the academic challenges they will face in college,” says Northeast High School Principal Dr. Sam Scavella. “Collectively we knew we needed to be consistent with our course offerings and build capacity by targeting students with AP potential in the middle grades and put them on the AP path as they enter high school.”

“This state recognition is an indication of our District’s commitment to academic rigor and college readiness,” says Gifted and Advanced Academics Director Dr. Tandi Pressley. “Northeast High School is preparing its students to compete in the global economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”

According to Superintendent Sharon Patterson, the work of the District is to improve student achievement through higher expectations and rigorous course work, and the College Board Initiative was started to increase AP participation and test scores. As part of this Initiative, the District is one of only six schools systems in the nation to receive a 5-year grant to focus specifically on African American student participation and performance in AP courses.

Through the Initiative, Bibb County is training more teachers to teach AP courses, hosting an AP Summer Academy to prepare students for AP course work, offering after school tutoring sessions to students for additional support, and instituting Pre-AP classes in the middle schools. On March 21, Northeast High students will have the opportunity to participate in a District-wide administration of AP practice exams at Westside High.

“With this initiative, more students are offered more courses in which they are exposed to college-level rigor, better preparing them for a post-secondary education,” says Superintendent Sharon Patterson. “Each year, we are seeing more students take advantage of this opportunity.”

### **Belief**

*We will work to help each student achieve high standards of learning  
because we believe all students can learn.*

### **Vision**

*Achievement and Performance for Every Child, Every Classroom, and Every School*

### **Mission**

*Our Mission is to provide a high quality education for all Bibb County students  
in a safe and comfortable environment, and to make use of all human and technological resources  
in preparing graduates for post-high school objectives.*