



**SCECINA MEMORIAL
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SCECINA'S AP PROGRAM CONTINUES IMPROVEMENT

Fourteen students named AP Scholars; test results are best yet

Sept. 21, 2010: Scecina Memorial High School's Advanced Placement program continued its steady improvement in the 2009-2010 school year.

Results from the latest round of AP testing this past spring show that Scecina produced the most AP scholars, a higher equity rating, and the most student participation and tests taken since the school first began offering AP classes in 2006.

Fourteen students achieved the distinction of being named AP Scholars, an honor given to those who earn a three or higher on at least three exams. A score of three or higher generally counts for college credit at most institutions.

Scecina's AP equity rating improved to 40.7 percent in 2010, up from 29.9 percent in 2009, which was the school's previous best rating. In 2006, the equity rating was 3.6 percent. The equity rating represents the number of students who have scored a three or higher on at least one test and demonstrates how many students have succeeded at the AP level.

Not only are more students succeeding at the highest level, but Scecina's AP program continues to grow as more students participate each year. In 2010, 91 students took 174 tests in 16 subjects. In the prior year, 69 students took 127 tests, and in 2006, 23 students took 34 tests in only three subjects.

The top students in their class typically score well on AP exams, but another indicator of a successful AP program is when the students who rank lower in their class earn college-credit bearing scores. In 2010, 13 Scecina students who ranked lower than 30th in their class earned a 3 or higher on at least one test, including a junior who ranked 52nd and a senior who ranked 63rd.

"Four out of ten students, including many ranked in the lower half of the class, earned a passing AP score," Principal Tom Davis said. "I cannot thank all our teachers enough, not just those who teach individual AP sections, but those who prepare students in feeder courses, tutor, and spend time counseling our students."

Scecina Memorial High School is a co-educational Catholic school on the east side of Indianapolis. The school, established in 1953, serves the East Deanery of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

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