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Arkansas Students, Schools Receive Monetary Rewards for Qualifying Scores on Advanced Placement Computer Science Exams

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education is pleased to announce the awarding of \$136,350 to students and schools under its Arkansas Advanced Placement Computer Science A Incentive Program.

The purpose of the incentive program is to increase the number of qualifying scores (3, 4, or 5) on AP Computer Science A exams. For the 2020-21 school year, the fourth year of this incentive program, 193 students and 42 Arkansas schools earned \$136,350 for exams taken.

“Arkansas is leading the way in preparing students to successfully join the future workforce with Arkansas’ Computer Science Education Initiative,” Gov. Asa Hutchinson said, “It is important to make sure our students can receive the best level of education we can provide. The money awarded by the AP Computer Science program will help push these schools to put students in a position to succeed.”

The schools representing the top ten amounts awarded under this program are as follows:

- Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock - \$18,450
- Haas Hall Academy in Fayetteville - \$13,850
- Rogers High School in Rogers - \$13,100
- Bentonville High School in Bentonville - \$10,950
- Har-Ber High School in Springdale - \$7,400
- Southside High School in Fort Smith - \$7,350
- Northside High School in Fort Smith - \$5,200
- Haas Hall Academy in Rogers - \$4,300
- White Hall High School in White Hall - \$3,900
- Benton High School in Benton - \$3,400

Under this program, Arkansas public school students and schools were eligible to receive a monetary incentive when the student earned one computer science flex credit for successfully completing an AP Computer Science A course and received a qualifying score on the AP exam taken between August 1, 2020, and May 30, 2021.

The tiered rewards are as follows:

- For a qualifying score of 5 on the AP Computer Science A exam, an Arkansas public school student received \$1,000, with the school receiving \$250.
- For a qualifying score of 4 on the AP Computer Science A exam, an Arkansas public school student received \$750, with the school receiving \$150.
- For a qualifying score of 3 on the AP Computer Science A exam, an Arkansas public school student received \$250, with the school receiving \$50.

Approved student and school reward payments will be sent to the schools by November 2021 for distribution to students.

Continuation of this program for the 2021-2022 school year was announced at <https://bit.ly/2Ys5Xh8>.

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