

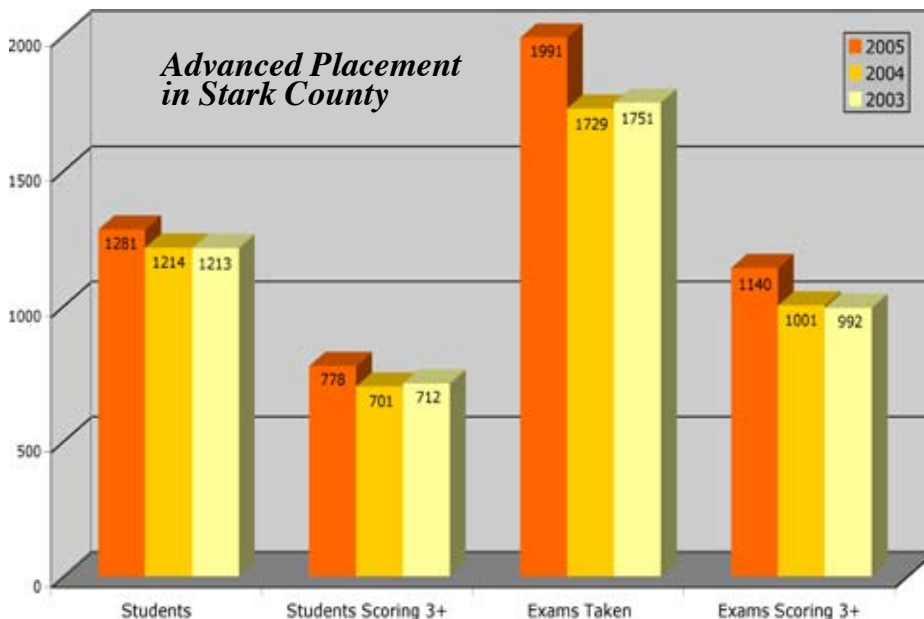
Looking At The ISSUES

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Advanced Placement in Stark County

Increasing the number of students taking Advanced Placement courses and successfully completing Advanced Placement examinations is a way to increase rigor at the high school level and decrease the number of students needing remediation in college.

The 2006 aggregate Advanced Placement results are not yet available. However, Stark County student trends are clear from looking at the charted data below. More students are taking Advanced Placement courses and those students are taking more exams. The number of students scoring 3 and above is increasing.



Source: 2005. College Board. www.collegeboard.com/apstudents

Many colleges and universities accept Advanced Placement Courses if the student scores 3 and above. It is interesting to note that students in Ohio colleges and Ohio students in out-of-state colleges are receiving credit. The top ten Ohio colleges and the top ten out-of-state colleges awarding credit to Ohio students are listed below.

Football Makes Room for College Access

The McKinley vs. Massillon game is a glorious day in October that coincides annually with the ACT test. In a sign that college access can rise to the top of every school's agenda, leadership at McKinley put their heads together solve this conflict in priorities.

A letter went out to all seniors and their parents offering them the opportunity to take the test in September in Pennsylvania.

Seventy-one students signed up, most of whom used money earned as part of the GEAR-UP matching grant to pay for their test fees. The GEAR-UP matching grant may be used for college admission testing, college application fees or college text books. Students earned \$25 for each proficiency test or OGT section they passed in 6th and 10th grades.

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Top 10 Out-of-State Colleges

Out-of-state colleges receiving the greatest number of AP grades for students from the state of Ohio

	Total Candidates	Total Grades
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	204	474
Purdue University - West Lafayette	161	337
University of Notre Dame	145	368
University of Kentucky - Lexington	118	201
New York University	112	221
Northwestern University	108	298
Indiana University	100	191
Duke University	86	233
Northern Kentucky University	71	98
Cornell University	70	193

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Top 10 In-State Colleges

In-state colleges receiving the greatest number of AP grades for students from the state of Ohio

	Total Candidates	Total Grades
Ohio State University	3,345	5,855
Miami University - Oxford	1,340	2,455
University of Cincinnati	1,145	1,914
Ohio University	1,059	1,602
Kent State University	612	878
University of Toledo	563	844
Bowling Green State University	540	778
Case Western Reserve University	516	1,237
University of Akron	486	768
University of Dayton	452	813

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Dr. Joe Rochford has been asked by the *American Educational Research Association* (AERA) to review several papers on education change submitted for the 2007 AERA National Conference.

On August 30, 2006, Judge W. Donald Reader and Dr. Joe Rochford attended the *Synchronist Analysis of Regional Business Dynamics* partnering the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Alliance Area Development Foundation, and Massillon Chamber of Commerce. The program was sponsored by AEP Ohio and FirstEnergy.