

Recognized for Success

Morgan County High School

Recognized As

ONE OF AMERICA'S BEST HIGH SCHOOLS

by *The Washington Post* and *Jay Matthews' Annual Challenge Index*



Morgan County High School has again been recognized as one of America's Best High Schools for 2011 by The Washington Post and Education Writer Jay Matthews. Morgan County High School is ranked 202 out of 1900 American High Schools that have made the list, and ranks seventh in the state of Georgia among 92 state high schools that scored highly enough to be on the list.

Among the 25,000+ public high schools in America, Morgan County comes in at number 202 for 2011. (MCHS was included in the 2010 list at number 429 and the 2009 list at number 556). Ninety-two high schools from the state of Georgia were included on the list (out of the 400+ in the state), and Morgan County High School was the 7th Georgia school listed (MCHS was the 16th school in Georgia listed last year). MCHS' index is 3.429, meaning that for every graduate in the class of 2010, there were 3.429 advanced tests administered at the school.

Of the Advanced Placement (AP) tests given in the 2010-2011 school year, there were 151 scores of 3,4, or 5 (considered passing scores for college work, on the scale of 1 to 5). This was up from 114 scores of 3,4, or 5 in the previous year and from a total of 11 in 2006

Also, 23 of 29 seniors applying to the University of Georgia from Morgan County High School's class of 2011 were accepted. This rate (79.3%) and number (23) represent the highest MCHS acceptance record for UGA on record. MCHS graduates were also accepted readily at other schools across the state and beyond, including 100% acceptance of students applying to Georgia Tech and to the University of Alabama.

(See online for Jay Matthews' entire article)

The full article, list and additional information about "The High School Challenge" can be found online at

<http://apps.washingtonpost.com/highschoolchallenge/>



Morgan County High School Five-Year School Score Summary

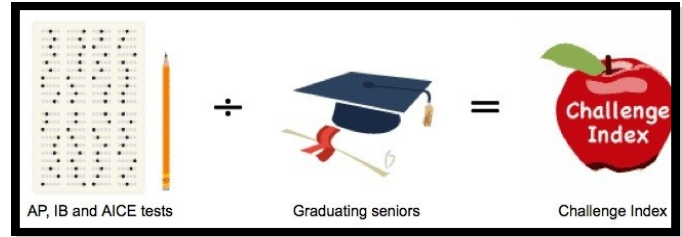
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total AP Students	175	184	291	418	370
Number of Exams	209	232	371	598	562
Number of Exams with Scores 3+	34	45	77	114	151
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	16.0	21.7	21.0	22.7	34.9



Noted in the Challenge Index

Since 1998, The Post's Jay Mathews has ranked Washington-area public high schools using the Challenge Index, his measure of how effectively a school prepares its students for college.

The formula is simple: Divide the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or other college-level tests a school gave in 2010 by the number of graduating seniors. While not a measure of the overall quality of the school, the rating can reveal the level of a high school's commitment to preparing average students for college.



The High School Challenge: Ranking schools that prepare students for college

<u>RANK</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>INDEX</u>
1	Walton	Marietta	GA	4.141
2	DeKalb School of the Arts	Avondale Estates	GA	3.895
3	Riverwood International Charter	Sandy Springs	GA	3.824
4	Berkmar	Lilburn	GA	3.820
5	Alpharetta	Alpharetta	GA	3.616
6	John S. Davidson Fine Arts	Augusta	GA	3.580
7	Morgan County	Madison	GA	3.429
8	Columbus	Columbus	GA	3.328
9	Decatur	Decatur	GA	3.303
10	North Gwinnett	Suwanee	GA	3.232
11	Milton	Alpharetta	GA	3.109
12	Chamblee Charter	Chamblee	GA	3.022
13	Lakeside	Atlanta	GA	2.927
14	Norcross	Norcross	GA	2.914
15	Brookwood	Snellville	GA	2.885
16	Parkview	Lilburn	GA	2.855
17	Northview	Johns Creek	GA	2.734
18	Alan C. Pope	Marietta	GA	2.729
19	Meadowcreek	Norcross	GA	2.671
20	Roswell	Roswell	GA	2.665

Graduation and EOCTs

One of Our Main Goals: Graduation!

Graduation Rates At Morgan County High School, we have succeeded in raising our graduation rate above 80% and maintaining this high level throughout the years.

Year	Number at Commencement	Number with Special Ed Diplomas	Number Summer/Late Graduates	Graduates by Variance	Total Graduates	Graduation Rates %
2004	177	7	3	NA	180	71.4
2005	172	13	5	NA	177	75.6
2006	176	8	5	4	185	85.2
2007	190	9	7	5	202	80.2
2008	197	6	4	3	204	82.7
2009	209	9	7	1	217	87.3
2010	217	11	6	3	226	87.5
2011	245	12	4	0	249	83.6

End-of-Course Tests Percentage Passing 2009-2011

Test	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	Two-Year Change
9th Lit.	96%	86%	76%	+20%
Am. Lit	78%	83%	73%	+5%
Biology	76%	59%	48%	+28%
Phy.Science	86%	64%	24%	+62%
Math I	72%	66%	---	+6%
Math 2	66%	50%	---	+16%
US History	63%	56%	51%	+12%
Economics	69%	29%	20%	+49%

End-of-course test scores for 2011 reflect student performance on May examinations.



SAT Scores 2009-2011

The Class of 2011 saw a 30% increase in the number of students taking the test and an increase in the average score!

Class of 2009: 1376

Class of 2010: 1438

Class of 2011: 1483

AP Scholars

AP Recognition Program: From The College Board Based on Performance on Advanced Placement Exams

AP Scholars at Morgan County High School

The number of students meeting the requirements to be considered AP (Advanced Placement Scholars) has risen significantly over the years. This past school year (2010-2011) saw the largest number of scholars in school history. Congratulations to all of these students and to their teachers!

Year	AP Scholars	AP Scholars with Honors	AP Scholars with Distinctions	TOTAL Number of AP Scholars
2003	1	0	0	1
2007*	1	0	0	1
2008	1	1	0	2
2009	9	1	2	12
2010	14	0	4	18
2011	22	3	3	28

* There were no AP Scholars between 2003 and 2007

Morgan County High School - AP Scholar with Distinction

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams

Luke Greenway

Jordan Hartney

Kiara Smith

Morgan County High School - AP Scholar with Honor

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams

Nathan Neuhart

Meredith Owen

Jake Pendergraft

Morgan County High School - AP Scholar

Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams

Emily Bearden
James Bearden
Catherine Bishop
Laura Margaret Burbach
Katherine Cooper
Charlie Mac Drury
Tyler Efird
Hannah Hartney

Morgan Hicky
Camden Hutcheson
Jacob Misuraca
Connor Oneal
Sahil Patel
McKinlie Ramsey
Tyler Richardson
Bailey Ross

Mitcham Tuell
Laura Walters
Julia Whitaker
Stefan Williams
Amber Wilson
Ellen Wilson