

California sees rise in AP test scores

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California public high schools are seeing a rise in students taking Advanced Placement exams, as well as an overall improvement in scores on these college-placement exams, said state Superintendent Tom Torlakson on Wednesday.

About 28.5 percent of the state's graduates in 2016 scored at least a three out of five on an AP exam, the fifth-highest percentage in the nation and an increase of nearly 8 percentage points since 2006, state education officials said.

Also on the rise is the percentage of California's public high school graduates who took an AP exam. If students score a three or higher on an AP exam in a particular subject, they receive credit for college-level courses.

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