

Memo

Re: Memo to high school principals regarding open access to all AACs in all high schools sent in an e-mail on Fri 12/6/2013 2:46 PM

From: Martha Taylor, Director of Advanced Learning Experiences

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High School Principals:

Attached you will find three flyers, in English and Spanish, that the ALE department has created in order to support schools in their outreach to African American and Latino students enrolling in Advanced Academic Courses, including Honors, AP, GATE and IB courses. It is crucial that there be aggressive and positive outreach to these students and that they be encouraged to enroll and are assured that they will be given support if they take on this challenge. Please plan on doing some type of special outreach to these students for this purpose. As you will see from the tone of the flyers, we are encouraging students to consider this possibility, even if they have not in the past.

Per College Board, there are no prerequisites for AP courses. We have extended this policy to Honors courses also, and instead counselors and teachers will use the guidelines attached to help students decide if an AAC is the right choice for them. We also have a parent guideline flyer for students to share with their parents if they choose to enroll. These parent flyers can also be used at any parent outreach event you hold.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns or if I can help you in any way. If you have time to invite me to a department chair meeting the week of Dec. 16, I would be happy to attend and answer any questions your teachers may have.

Thanks so much for your support in reaching out to these students to challenge themselves and open doors for future opportunities.

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