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Pasco's Students Show Steady Gains on Advanced Placement Exams

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Pasco's students showed steady gains on this year's Advanced Placement results, with an increase of 6% of students scoring a level 3 or higher (from 45% to 51%). The District also saw a reduction in the percentage of students scoring in the lowest category (a level one) on their Advanced Placement exams (from 27% to 23%). This year, 10 of 13 high schools increased their percentage of students scoring a level 3 or higher. The District is especially proud of **Gulf High School**, which secured a 15% increase in students scoring 3 or higher (from 59% to 74%), the highest percentage in the district. The following schools also exceeded the state average of students scoring a level three or higher, while increasing enrollment in Advanced Placement courses: **River Ridge High School, J.W. Mitchell High School, Land O' Lakes High School and Wiregrass Ranch High School.**

In recent years, the District has made a targeted effort to increase access to accelerated learning opportunities for all students. Advanced Placement courses are one avenue for meeting this goal. Overall, 18% of students in Pasco's high schools were enrolled in an Advanced Placement course this year. At **J.W. Mitchell High School**, 31% of the total student population was enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement Course. Additionally, Pasco's newest high school, **Fivay**, saw a 56% increase in Advanced Placement enrollment this year.

The District is proud of its students' performance, and of its dedicated teachers for their efforts to provide rigorous learning opportunities for all students.

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