

TALLAHASSEE – Governor Charlie Crist today applauded Florida Advanced Placement (AP) students and teachers following the College Board’s release of AP exam results. The results show that Florida is tied for fifth in the nation in the percentage of 2009 graduating seniors who passed (scored a 3 or higher) an AP exam in high school. The state’s five-spot jump from last year’s ranking includes a 3.1-percentage increase in the passing rate, nearly double the increase of the next ranked state. Florida also moved to the top of the nation in the percentage of 2009 graduating seniors who took an AP exam in high school.

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### **Transcript of the Governor's Video Message**

Hi, I’m Charlie Crist.

As Florida’s Governor, I remain committed to helping families have the tools and resources they need. Important tools such as world-class education for all children.

According to *Education Weekly’s* Quality Counts report, Florida has moved from 31st in the nation to number 8.

Also, Florida is now 5th in the nation in the number of high school students taking and passing Advance Placement exams. That’s a five-spot jump from its ranking just last year.

While these are tremendous results, we still have much to accomplish.

Our goal must be for every Florida student to succeed. To reach that goal, we must continue to invest in our students.

Florida’s economy depends on a talented workforce developed through education.

To further develop the talent of our workforce, my budget recommendations for this year include \$100 million in new funds for Florida’s 11 state universities for science, math and technology.

I look forward to working with the Legislature during the upcoming legislative session, as we prepare our students for the 21st century. Thank you so much, and God bless you all.



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## **This Week with Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp**

This week, Lt. Governor Kottkamp attended the Associated Industries of Florida Pre-Session Briefing in Tallahassee. Lt. Governor Kottkamp informed association representatives of the Governor's budget recommendations that will create and retain jobs, as well as provide tax relief to Florida families and businesses. The Lt. Governor also participated in a Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Roundtable before touring a county health department and Chipola College. While in Mayport focusing on the economic importance of military installations in Florida, the Lt. Governor also visited the Mayport Naval Station alongside Governor Crist.



*Jeff Kottkamp*