



Advanced Placement (AP) Open House

November 9, 2016

Tonight's Program

Provide information about:

- The College Board Advanced Placement Program
- DGS's Advanced Placement Program
- Specific Advancement Placement courses at DGS
- Departmental expectations for AP courses
- Student perspectives about AP courses



Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

- are college-level courses offered in high school.
- reflect introductory college coursework and curricula.
- prepare students for the AP exam in May to measure student mastery.

AP courses at South High School

- Art History
 - Studio Art: Drawing & Painting
 - Studio Art: 2D Design
 - Studio Art: 2D Photography
 - Studio Art: 2D Computer Design
 - Studio Art: 3D Ceramics
 - Studio Art: 3D Jewelry
 - Music Theory

 - English Language & Composition
 - English Literature & Composition

 - Calculus AB
 - Calculus BC
 - Statistics
 - Computer Science
- Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Physics C: Mechanics
 - Physics C: Mechanics and Electricity and Magnetism
 - Environmental Science

 - European History
 - Microeconomics
 - Psychology
 - US Government & Politics
 - US History

 - French
 - German
 - Spanish



Why take an AP course?

- Depth of material
- College preparedness
- Potential to earn college credit
- Academic rigor/challenge enables student to grow
 - Further develop time management skills
 - Refine study habits and test taking skills
 - Advance critical thinking, reading and writing skills

Challenges of taking an Advanced Placement class:

- Rigorous college-level coursework
- Fast paced instruction
- Time management
- Balance of academics, extra-curricular activities and non-school related activities

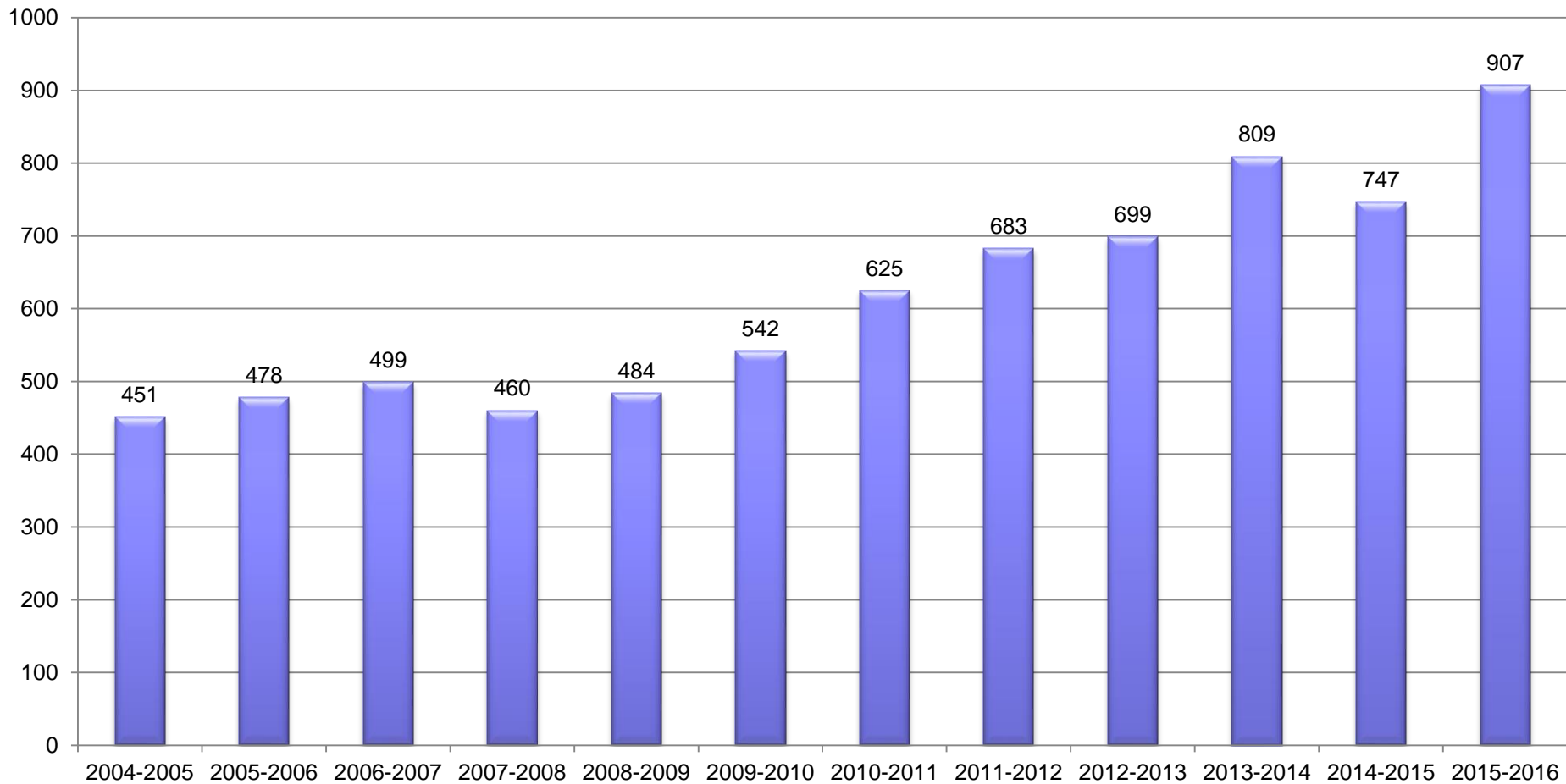
AP Enrollment at South

Rising enrollment in Advanced Placement courses

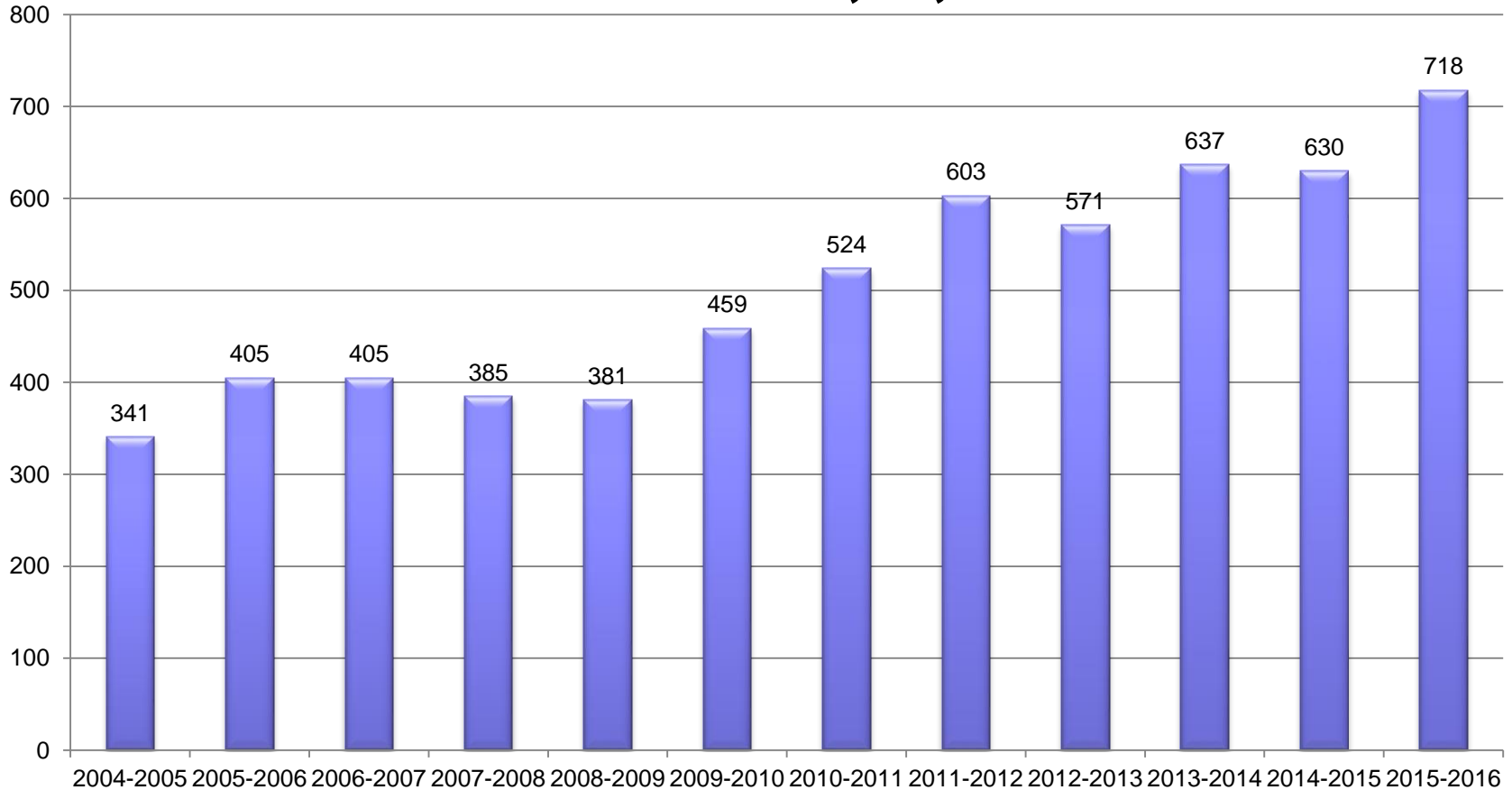
- ❑ 2013 – 567 unique students enrolled
26.3% of eligible population
- ❑ 2014 – 624 unique students enrolled
29.1% of eligible population
- ❑ 2015 – 662 unique students enrolled
31.7% of eligible population
- ❑ 2016 – 661 unique students enrolled
31.8% of eligible population

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Number of Students taking AP Tests at South



Number of AP Tests Earning a Score of 3, 4, 5



What DGS students say about being in AP classes:

- 81% report improved critical thinking skills.
- 64% report improved reading skills.
- 62% report improved writing skills.
- 65% report greater confidence in their abilities as students.

Tonight's Program:

- 1 breakout session and a Gallery Walk
- 1st half – specific departmental options
- 2nd Half – opportunity to visit with multiple areas

Some will include student perspectives

Additional Resources

- Advanced Placement Information and Links
- <http://south.csd99.org/student-support-services/ap-information/>

