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Another 3-PEAT for Kimberly High School

School Receives Level 1 Advanced Placement Pacesetter Award for a Third Time

Kimberly, Wis. – July 26, 2018– For the third year in a row, [Kimberly High School](#) (KHS) has been recognized as a Level 1 Advanced Placement Pacesetter School by the [Wisconsin Advanced Placement Advisory Council](#) (WAPAC). Of the 510 public high schools in Wisconsin, KHS is one of only 17 to be recognized with a Level 1 Pacesetter Award.

“We are committed to providing our students with opportunities to reach their potential in academics and that includes supporting access to Advanced Placement courses. Last year, KHS students earned over \$1 million in college tuition savings,” said Bob Mayfield, Superintendent of the [Kimberly Area School District](#). “Our students who pursue the challenge of higher level coursework and the teachers who help them prepare for the exams are truly deserving of this recognition.”

There are many benefits to taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses and exams while in high school, such as higher level learning, exposure to new subjects and developing educational skills that help students while they pursue further education.

By taking AP courses, students are preparing for the rigors of higher education and learn about subjects they are interested in to determine if they want to study them further. There is also a financial advantage to earning AP credits while in high school which helps students and families lessen the costs of higher education.

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To be recognized as a Pacesetter Level 1 School, more than 30% of students at the school must take AP exams and more than 70% of those test-takers must receive a score of 3 or higher (students must receive a 3 or above to receive Advanced Placement credit). In the 2016-17 school year, 517 KHS students (34% of enrolled students) took 850 AP Exams. Of the exams taken by KHS students, AP credit was earned on 77% of the tests.

Pacesetter schools are recognized for having impressive student access to AP courses and posting excellent AP exam results. The Pacesetter Award is unique to Wisconsin and emerged from WAPAC members who felt that many outstanding school districts in our state lacked recognition for AP excellence. Information regarding AP at public school districts is readily available in the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's WISEdash website <http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/portalHome.jsp>.

WAPAC's goal is to focus on increasing participation by recognizing Pacesetters and leaders in AP to encourage other districts to promote both access and excellence. The Wisconsin Advanced Placement Advisory Council is comprised of Wisconsin secondary and collegiate educators who are dedicated to expanding access to AP coursework and rigorous learning for all college bound students.

About the Kimberly Area School District

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,100 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us.