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### **Okaloosa County School District Celebrates Three High Schools Recognized on the 2025 AP School Honor Roll**

The Okaloosa County School District is proud to announce that Choctawhatchee High School, Fort Walton Beach High School, and Niceville High School have been named to the 2025 College Board AP School Honor Roll, a prestigious national recognition honoring schools that expand access to Advanced Placement (AP) coursework while supporting student success.

- Choctawhatchee High School earned Gold AP School Honor Roll recognition.
- Fort Walton Beach High School earned Silver recognition.
- Niceville High School earned Silver recognition.

The AP School Honor Roll, awarded by the College Board, recognizes high schools that deliver high-quality AP programs by meeting rigorous benchmarks tied to college readiness and student achievement. Schools are recognized at four levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum, based on performance from their most recent graduating class. Schools earn AP School Honor Roll recognition by meeting benchmarks in three key areas:

- College Culture: A high percentage of graduating seniors take at least one AP exam, demonstrating broad student access to advanced coursework.
- College Credit: A significant portion of students earn scores of 3 or higher on AP exams, qualifying them for college credit.
- College Optimization: Students take multiple AP exams throughout high school, including in earlier grades, reflecting sustained academic engagement and preparation.

Earning a place on the AP School Honor Roll highlights a school's ability to:

- Expand broad access to advanced learning opportunities.
- Support student success in college-level coursework.
- Build a strong foundation for college and career readiness.

“Recognition on the AP School Honor Roll is a testament to the dedication of our students, teachers, and school leaders,” said Superintendent Marcus Chambers. “Choctawhatchee High School’s Gold distinction and the Silver recognition earned by Fort Walton Beach and Niceville High Schools reflect our district’s continued commitment to academic excellence and preparing students for future success.” The Okaloosa County School District congratulates these schools for their outstanding achievement and for opening doors to advanced learning opportunities that help students thrive in college and beyond.

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