

Advanced Placement (AP)

History of AP in the State of Washington

2008-2015 College Readiness Initiative

College Spark funds a long-term initiative that supports AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) and Navigation 101

2005–2008 Rural Initiative

Targeted rural school districts and schools free/reduced lunch rate of 40 percent or more

Funded the development of pre-AP and AP programs, vertical teaming and staff development

- Three-year budget: \$1,304,674
- 26 schools and 2 consortiums of 12 school each

2003–2006 — Pre-AP Funds to Build the Foundation

Advanced Placement appears in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act — Title I, Part G.

Emphasized the development of pre-AP programs

Title I, Part G targeted schools with a free/reduced lunch rate of 40 percent or more

Washington's proposal was unique defining "project" as a *high school and one or two of its feeder middle schools*

"Project" captured the flow of students through their academic path toward graduation — not the traditional funding unit, such as school, district or type of student.

- Three-year budget: \$1,744,779
- 40 projects in 87 schools that received \$10,000 for each for three years

2001-2002 Technology Innovation Challenge Grants

Federal funds used in a partnership with APEX Learning to demonstrate how new technologies support pre-AP and AP programs

- Two-year budget: \$850,000

2000–2003 AP Incentive Program in a Consortium with Alaska

Washington was one of 13 organizations awarded under the Advanced Placement Incentive Program created by Congress under the Post Secondary Education Act

Program builds awareness by funding more AP course offerings

- Three-year budget: \$2,252,100
- 126 awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$14,000 to local schools and districts

1999 to Today AP Fee Reduction Program

Before 1999, AP programming was transacted between College Board and individual schools and districts. There was not an AP program office at OSPI.

Advanced Placement Fee Reduction Program, an equity building federal program launched in 1999, reduced the cost of AP or IB exam fees for low income students

Early on, districts applied for three years of funding. Grant rules changed to annual applications in 2006.