



Director's Digest

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"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems so much longer." - Albert Einstein

FRCS Students Score High on AP Exams; Graduate Mike Sullivan Named AP Scholar

At FRCS, we offer Advanced Placement (AP) courses in 10 subjects, including Literature and Composition; Language and Composition; Calculus; Statistics; Spanish; Biology; Chemistry; Physics; U.S. History; and European History.

Students enrolled in AP courses are provided with a comprehensive education in the specific content area and are assisted in preparing for the annual AP exams, conducted in May of each year. Advanced Placement exams are scored out of a possible 5 points. Students, who score a 3 or above on a specific test, receive college credits for a course that meets the criteria.

I am pleased to report that 40% of our students taking one or more AP exam did achieve a 3 or better, qualifying them for college credit! In addition, we had one student, graduate Mike Sullivan, score a 3 or better on 3 AP exams, qualifying him as a nationally-recognized AP Scholar! Congratulations, Mike!

In order to support the AP program more in the 2008-2009 school year, we have added Pre-AP courses in English and science. In addition, several teachers attended week-long workshops this summer to strengthen the programs.

FRCS Senior, Greg Byron, Recognized by National Merit Scholarship Program

Congratulations to Greg Byron, FRCS Senior, for receiving a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program! Due to his high score on the PSAT, Greg was recognized for his tremendous achievement.

Great job, Greg!

FRCS Students Score High on SAT Exams

2008 SAT scores at FRCS increased significantly over our 2007 results and edged out the previous high scores here at school.

	Reading	Math	Writing	Total
2007	522	497	529	1540
2008	561	527	537	1625

In addition, according to the College Board, Writing scores on the SAT have been identified as the key indicator for college success. Our Writing Scores this year increased to an all-time high!

Congratulations to our students and faculty for continuing to raise the bar of excellence!

Classroom Teachers and Paraprofessionals Meeting the "Highly Qualified" Status at FRCS

The Federal No Child Left Behind Act requires school districts that receive federal Title I funding to notify parents of their right to know the professional qualifications of classroom teachers who instruct their child.

As a recipient of these funds, Foxborough Regional Charter School will provide you with this information in a timely manner if parents request it. Specifically, parents have the right to request the following information about each of their child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

We are committed to providing quality instruction for all students and do so by employing the most qualified individuals to teach and support each student. Please know that our current faculty and staff are identified at a high rate according to "Highly Qualified" standards with 90% of faculty and 94% of paraprofessionals designated as such. The status of all others is currently pending.

If you would like to receive any of the information listed above for your child's teacher, please contact Barbara Severin, the school's Human Resources Manager, at BSeverin@foxboroughrcs.org.

- Mark Logan