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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/6/19

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SHORT TITLE College Acceptance of Certain Test Scores SB 569

ANALYST Valenzuela

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		No fiscal impact				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Responses Received From

New Mexico Independent Community Colleges (NMICC)
Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 569 would require the Higher Education Department to adopt a policy on Advanced Placement courses and exams that would provide the high school students who complete an AP course and score a three or better on an AP exam to be able to receive college credit for an equivalent class offered by the college or university, in which the student is enrolled and pursuing a postsecondary degree.

If the college or university does not have an equivalent course, the student may be awarded course credit as an elective course.

The bill provides an option for a college or university to reject a minimum score of three if the institution can demonstrate that student success in a degree program would be constrained if it adopted a lower score relative to HED policy. Each college of university shall publish its policy on their public website by academic year 2020.

The bill requires HED with the colleges and universities to collect data and report to the governor and Legislature annually on the impacts of the revised AP policy. In its annual report, the information disclosed should not violate FERPA.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB569 does not contain an appropriation and its enactment is not expected to have an impact on HED or public colleges or universities in New Mexico.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

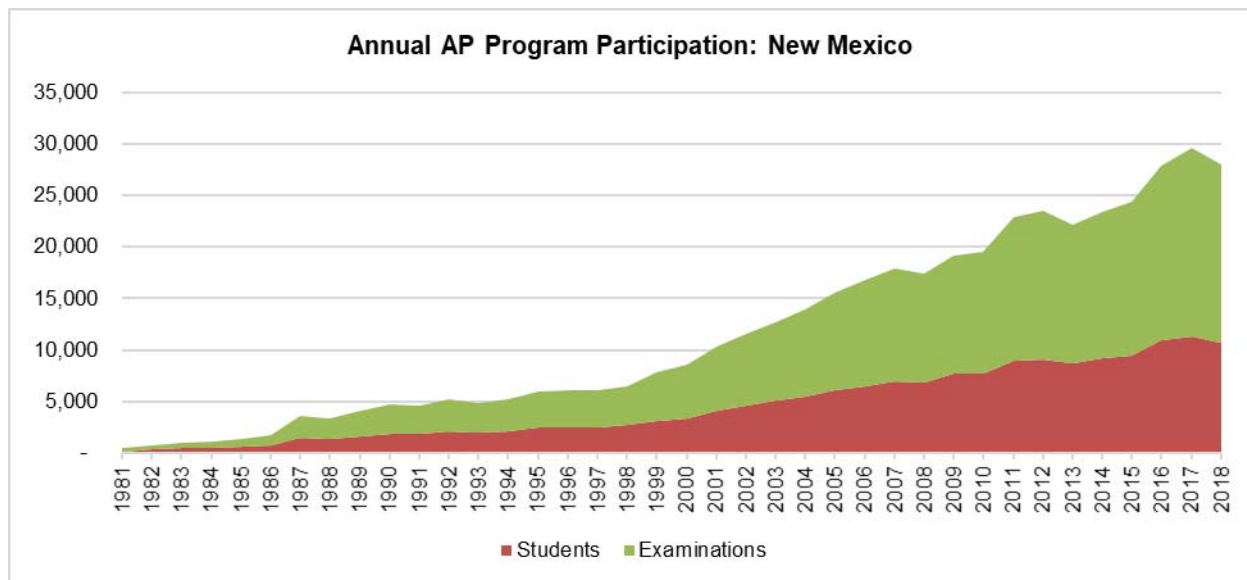
Current HED policy, adopted in August 2018, provides for students with AP scores of three or better to earn credit at any public New Mexico college. Students with higher scores can earn additional credit depending on the subject matter of the test and the score.

The College Board, through its Advanced Placement Program (AP) offers high school students the opportunity to test through Advanced Placement courses in 38 specific subject areas. AP enables academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies – with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both – while still in high school. The exams provide a score from one to five. Many colleges nationally set the scores at which they award credit for only their college. The same was true for New Mexico public colleges until the summer of 2018

As an example, if a student scores a 4 on the AP Physics exam, that student may not have to take Physics 1 in college. The attachment provides a breakdown of the minimum passing score to earn college credit and thus not have to take the college level course.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

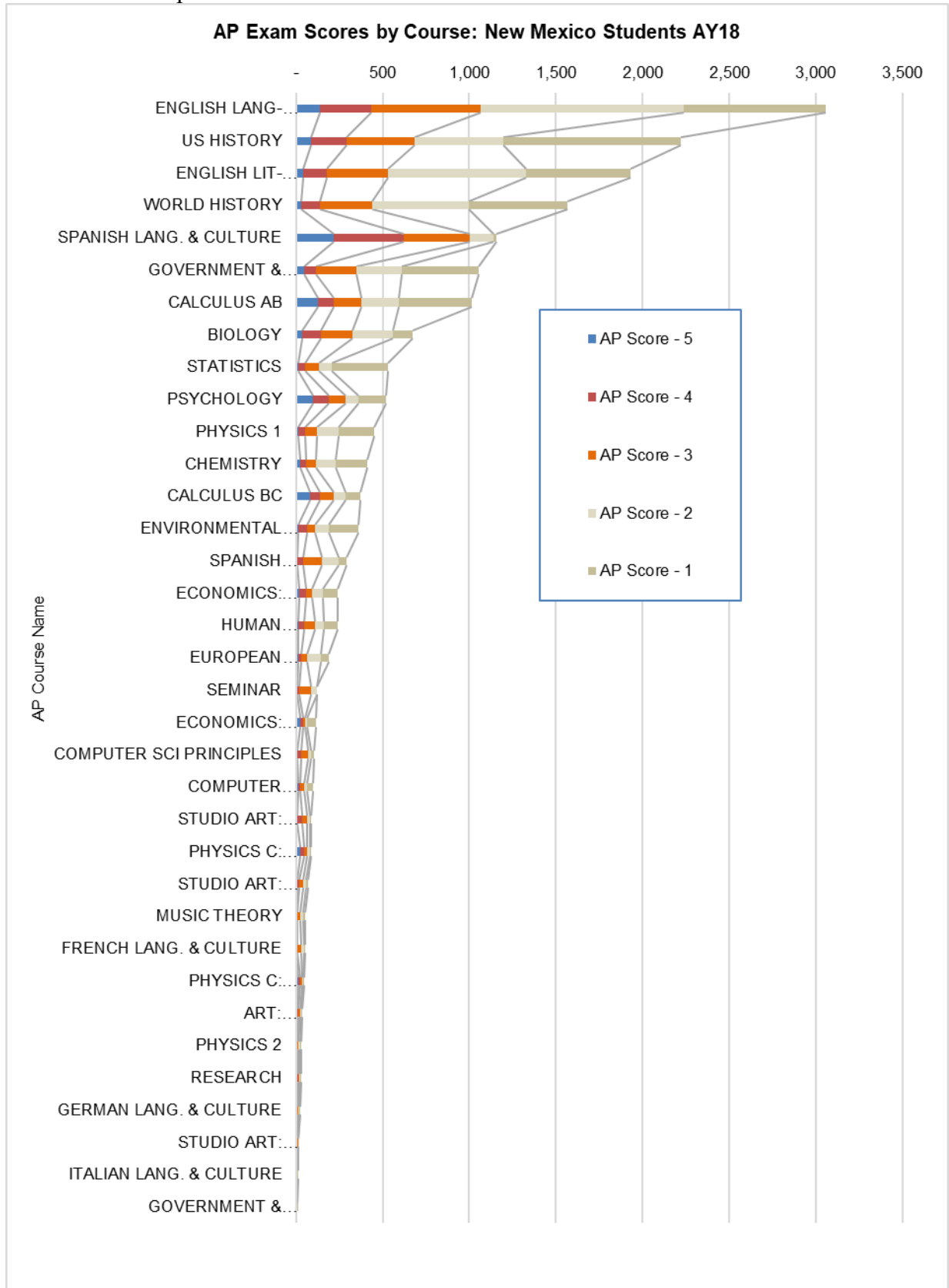
According to data provided by the College Board, students in New Mexico schools, of which 129 high schools participated in AP in 2018, have steadily increased participation in AP course and exams.



The graphic below shows student performance by course for New Mexico students in academic year 2018.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 420 duplicates SB569.



AP Exam	Score	Course Equivalent
Art		
Art History	3	History of Art I
	4, 5	History of Art I & History of Art II
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	3	Drawing I or Design I
	4, 5	Drawing I OR Drawing I AND Design I
Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio	3	Drawing I or Design I
	4, 5	Drawing I OR Drawing I AND Design I
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	3,4,5	Drawing OR Design I
Biology		
*Lab credit only if AP course had a lab. If no lab, student will need to take the lab associated with the class for the credit given.		
Biology	3	Bio for Health Sciences and Lab* OR Natural History of Life and Lab* OR General Bio and Lab*
	4	Cellular and Molecular Bio and Lab*
Biology	5	Cellular and Molecular Bio and Lab*
Chemistry		
*Lab credit only if AP course had a lab. If no lab, student will need to take the lab associated with the class for the credit given.		
Chemistry	3	Chemistry in Our Community and Lab*
Chemistry	4	Gen Chem I for STEM Majors and Lab*
Chemistry	5	Gen Chem I for STEM Majors and Lab* AND Gen Chem II for STEM Majors and Lab*
Computer Science		
Computer Science A	3	Computer Science I
	4, 5	Object Oriented Programing
Computer Science Principles	3, 4, 5	Algorithms and Data Structures
Economics		
Macroeconomics	3, 4, 5	Macroeconomics
Microeconomics	3, 4, 5	Microeconomics
English		
English Language and Composition	3, 4, 5	Comp I
English Littrature and Composition	3, 4, 5	Into to Littrature
Environmental Science		
Environmental Science	3, 4, 5	Environmental Science OR Forestry
Geography		
Human Geography	3, 4, 5	People and Place

History		
European History	3	Western Civ I
	4, 5	Western Civ I and Western Civ II
United States History	3	US Hist I
	4, 5	US Hist I AND US Hist II
World History	3	World Hist I
	4, 5	World Hist I AND World Hist II
Language		
Option: Score 4 or higher may fulfill language requirement for language not taught at HEI		
Chinese Language & Culture	3	1st Semester Intensive Mandarin Chinese
	4	1st Semester Intensive Mandarin Chinese AND 2nd Semester Intensive Chinese
		1st Semester Intensive Mandarin Chinese, 2nd Semester Intensive Chinese, AND 3rd Semester Intensive Chinese
French Language & Culture	3	French I
	4	French I AND French II
	5	French I, French II AND French III
German Language & Culture	3	German I
	4	German I AND German II
	5	German I, German II, AND German III
Italian Language & Culture	3	Italian I
	4	Italian I AND Italian II
	5	Italian I, Italian II AND Italian III
Japanese Language & Culture	3	Japanese I
	4	Japanese I AND Japanese II
	5	Japanese I, Japanese II AND Japanese III
Latin	3	Latin I
	4	Latin I AND Latin II
	5	Latin I, Latin II AND Latin III
Spanish Language & Culture	3	Spanish I
	4	Spanish I AND Spanish II
	5	Spanish I, Spanish II AND Spanish III
MATH		
*Calc I only if Calc AB subscore of a 4		
^Calc II credit upon successful completion of Cal III		
Calculus AB	3	Pre-Calc
	4, 5	Calc I
Calculus BC	3	Calc I*
	4	Calc I and Calc II^
	5	Calc I and Calc II
Statistics	3, 4, 5	Intro to Statistics

Music

*Please not for Music Theory to please contact individual institutions (listed or unlisted) for appropriate AP credit and placement.

Music Theory (CCC)	3, 4, 5	Fundamentals of Music I <i>3 Credits</i>
	3	Music Theory I <i>3 Credits</i>
Music Theory (ENMU Main)	4, 5	Music Theory I & Music Theory II <i>6 Credits</i>
	3	Music Theory I <i>3 Credits</i>
Music Theory (ENMU Portales)	4, 5	Music Theory I & Music Theory II <i>6 Credits</i>
	3	Music Theory I <i>3 Credits</i>
Music Theory (NMHU)	4, 5	Music Theory I & Music Theory II <i>6 Credits</i>
Music Theory (NMSU and Branches)	3, 4, 5	Fundamentals of Music I <i>3 Credits</i>
Music Theory (NMT)	3, 4, 5	Comprehensive Musicianship I <i>3 Credits</i>
	3, 4	Major Ensemble Choral I <i>3 Credits</i>
Music Theory (SJC)		Major Ensemble Choral I & Major Ensemble Band <i>6 Credits</i>
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	3, 4	Music Theory I/ Music Theory I Lab <i>4 Credits</i>
Music Theory (UNM and Branches)		Music Theory I/ Music Theory Lab I AND Music Theory II/ Music Theory Lab II <i>8 Credits</i>
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Music Theory (WNMU)	N/A	Reviewed and approved by WNMU faculty

Physics

*Lab credit only if AP course had a lab. If no lab, student will need to take the lab associated with the class for the credit given.

Physics 1	3, 4, 5	Algebra Based Physics I and Lab*
Physics 2	3, 4, 5	Algebra Based Physics II and Lab*
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	3, 4, 5	Calc Based Physics II and Lab*
Physics C: Mechanics	3, 4, 5	Calc Based Physics I and Lab*

Political Science

Comparative Government and Politics	3, 4, 5	Comparative Politics (100 Level)
United States Government and Politics	3, 4, 5	American National Government

Psychology

Psychology	3, 4, 5	Intro to Psychology
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