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Everett Public Schools celebrates its AP Capstone diploma recipients

AP Capstone Diploma program is a project-based learning experience valued by colleges and universities across the U.S. and around the world

[Everett, WA] — At Everett Public Schools, 44 students earned the AP Capstone Diploma. A total of 38 students earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate during the 2022-23 school year. The AP Capstone Diploma program helps students develop the critical thinking, research, collaboration and presentation skills that are critical for academic success.

“We proudly recognize the achievements of students who participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program,” said Dr. Jeanne Willard, Executive Director of College & Career Readiness and Extended Learning Options. “Our AP Capstone students and teachers showed extraordinary commitment while facing historic challenges. This is a meaningful college readiness program that will serve our students well after high school.”

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Unlike traditional AP subject exams with a single end-of-year assessment, AP Seminar and AP Research assessments are project based and evaluate skills mastery through group projects, presentations and individual essays completed throughout the year. Instead of focusing on one specific academic discipline, AP Seminar and AP Research are interdisciplinary and students are empowered to create research projects based on topics of personal interest. Students are assessed on the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management and presentation skills needed to complete their projects.

Ian Saltzman, superintendent of Everett Public Schools stated, “I am thrilled to recognize these motivated students. By completing this diploma and certificate program, they have enhanced the foundation for their future academic and professional careers. We are proud of their hard work, and it will serve them well.”

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