



## **Abington High School Earns College Board AP<sup>®</sup> Computer Science Female Diversity Award**

*Recognized for Closing the Gender Gap in AP Computer Science Principles*

Abington High School has earned the College Board AP<sup>®</sup> Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science Principles. Schools honored with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have expanded young women's access to AP computer science courses. Out of the 20,000 institutions that offer AP courses, AHS was one of 639 schools recognized in the category of AP Computer Science Principles. An additional 36 schools received the award for both CSP and CSA.

“We’re proud to see the creativity, commitment, and enthusiasm our female students have demonstrated in their study of AP Computer Science Principles,” said Dr. Teresa Sullivan, Principal of AHS. “As educators and administrators, we believe a STEM education plays a critical role in fostering a lifelong relationship with learning and setting our female students on a path to success in a 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce. We are so fortunate to have such skilled and dedicated teachers like Ms. Doherty, Department Chairperson and Mr. Jayakumar, computer science teacher.”

Schools receiving the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have achieved either 50% or higher female representation in either or both of the AP computer science courses, or the percentage of female computer science examinees meets or exceeds that of the school's female population. Providing female students with access to computer science courses is necessary to ensuring gender parity in high-paying technology jobs and to drive innovation, creativity, and competition. A 2014 Google [study](#) found that women are more likely to pursue computer science if they are given the opportunity to explore it in high school. “AHS is empowering young women to see themselves as creators, innovators, and problem-solvers,” said Stefanie Sanford, College Board global policy chief. “We hope to see even more high schools inspire female students to harness the potential of an AP computer science education.”