

The Advanced Placement Program

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The Advanced Placement Program® is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges and universities. Since its inception in 1955, the Program has provided motivated high school students with the opportunity to take college-level courses in a high school setting. Students who participate in the Program not only gain college-level skills, but in many cases they also earn college credit while they are still in high school. AP courses are taught by dedicated and enthusiastic high school teachers who follow course guidelines developed and published by the College Board. -*The College Board: AP Central, 2005*
There is a cost to the student for each exam taken. Students who wish to take multiple AP courses need to discuss the rigorous schedule demands with their advisor.

Advantages of Taking AP Course Work

- AP courses and exams represent the beginning of the journey through college-level academic challenges.
- Collegiate institutions recognize that applicants with AP experience are much better prepared for the demands of college courses.
- Tuition savings are realized for students whose AP performance earns them college credit. More than 1,400 collegiate institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting satisfactory grades on a specific number of AP Exams.
- Earning AP credit allows students to move into upper-level courses in their field of interest by exempting them from required introduction courses. In addition, students have the opportunity of completing their degree early.
- AP students are eligible for honors and other special programs in college.
- More information regarding the AP program can be obtained from any AP teacher, your counselor, the College and Career Center, and the AP Central web site @ <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/members/article/1,3046,152-171-0-2051,00.html>

Student Profile

We recommend that students undertaking Advanced Placement® course work:

- desire to undertake rigorous, in depth study of the course content;
- have a history of satisfactory performance within the content area;
- possess a strong work ethic and superior study skills;
- demonstrate strong language skills. Students should be able to read and write at or above grade level;
- advocate and take responsibility for their own learning;
- understand that the pace of Advanced Placement® instruction requires daily attendance;
- meet the established pre-requisites for specific courses;
- have sufficient time management skills to balance academics, athletics, and activities
- are mature, curious, and active learners who will contribute to classroom discussions and activities.

AP Scholar Awards

Each year, the College Board recognizes high school students who have demonstrated college-level achievement through multiple AP courses and exams. Some of the awards and their requirements are as follows:

- **AP Scholar:** Granted to students who receive grades of 3.0 or higher on three or more AP Exams on full-year courses (or the equivalent).
- **AP Scholar with Honor:** Granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, **and** grades of 3.0 or higher on four or more of these exams on full-year courses (or the equivalent).
- **AP Scholar with Distinction:** Granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, **and** grades of 3.0 or higher on five or more of these exams on full-year courses (or the equivalents).

Legend AP Courses Offered

Source: AP bulletin for Students and Parents Published by the College Board

AP Biology	AP French Language	AP United States Government
AP Calculus AB	AP Human Geography	AP United States History
AP Calculus BC	AP Physics B	AP Chinese Language
AP Chemistry	AP Physics C - Mechanics	AP Psychology
AP English Language/Comp.	AP Spanish Language	AP Studio Art, 2D & 3D Design
AP English Literature/Comp.	AP Statistics	