

8th Grade Preview Night



Honors & Advanced Placement Program

at

Joliet West High School

December 5, 2018

AP District of the Year 2016



Honors vs. Advanced Placement (AP)

Honors & Pre-AP Classes...

- challenge students more than College-Prep course.
- prepare students for the rigors of an AP course
- do not earn college credit

AP Classes...

- are regulated by the College Board
- prepare students for introductory level college courses
- can earn college credit depending on exam grade

The AP Program at Joliet West

- Pre-AP/Honors English 1
- Pre-AP/Honors English 2
- AP Human Geography
- AP European History
- AP English 3 (Language & Composition)
- AP US History
- AP Biology
- AP English 4 (Literature & Composition)
- AP Psychology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1
- AP US Government
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Music Theory
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Art Studio

Typical AP Course Sequence

Freshman: AP Human
Geography, AP Computer
Science

Sophomore: AP European
History, AP Psychology or AP
Environmental Science

Junior: AP US History, AP
English Language, AP Spanish
Language or AP Environmental
Science

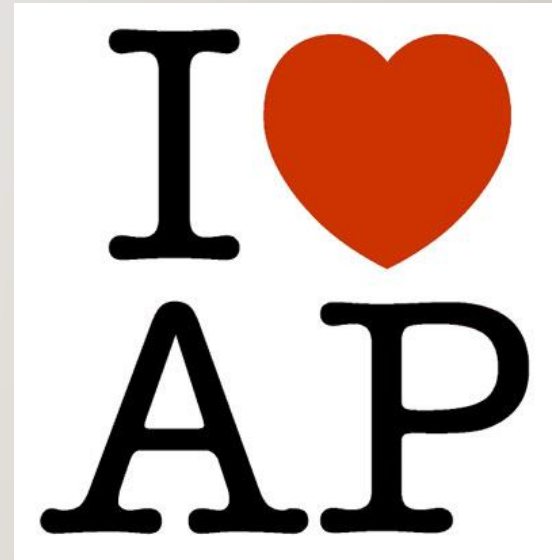
Senior: AP Microeconomics, AP
US Government, AP English
Literature, AP Spanish Literature,
AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP
Physics, or AP Calculus

What AP Courses Should You Take?

Questions to consider before registering for an AP course:

- What discipline(s) are you interested in?
- What does your schedule look like?
- What are your after-school commitments?
- How many are you currently taking?
- Are you fulfilling JTHS pre-requisites?

Identify what AP course(s) will help in your college major



What are AP Courses Like?

- Prepares students for the reality of college
- Classes are fast-paced and cover a lot of material
- More time is required, both in and out of the classroom, to complete lessons, assignments and homework
- AP teachers expect students to think critically, read effectively, and write clearly and with purpose

Benefits of taking AP courses*

- Stand out in college admissions
- Earn college credit
- Skip introductory classes
- Build college skills



Even if you take only 1, the benefits are great.

***Source: College Board**

Economic Benefit of taking an AP course

Public

Illinois State University

Total Tuition: \$14,062

Cost per Semester Hour: \$469

Cost per course (3 Hours): \$1,407

Private

University of St. Francis

Total Tuition: \$29,630

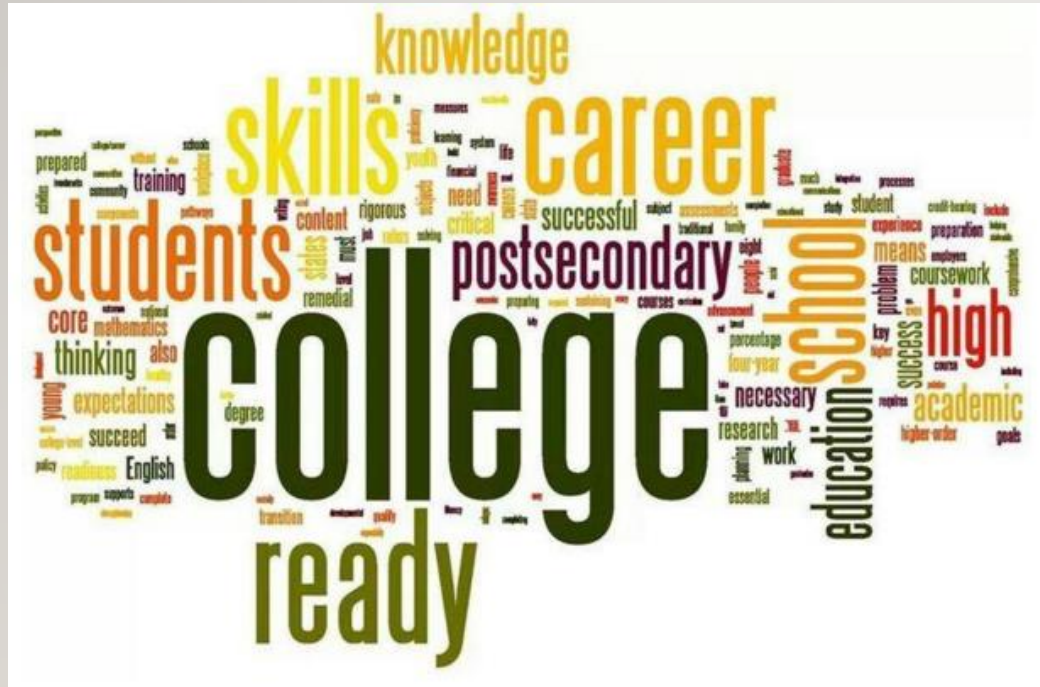
Cost per Semester Hours: \$825

Cost per course (3 hours): \$2,475

Cost per AP exam: \$92

and there's more....

Even if you don't get a 3 or higher...



- you will have been exposed to a college level course with a very high level of content and skills
and
- you will be a better, more prepared student moving forward in high school or college

Available Honors & AP Resources

- Parent support & encouragement is extremely important
- However, we do offer many resources
 - AP Help Room (E158-159)
 - National Honor Society (NHS) Tutoring (Wednesday after school)
 - An individual subscription to Albert. io
 - AP Practice Tests offered prior to AP Exams
 - Review Sessions throughout the year offered by AP teachers
 - AP Summer Enrichment Camps



Where can I find out more about West's AP program?

Go to the Joliet West AP Program site located at

<https://www.jths.org/academics/advanced-placement>

Questions?

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