

## Grand Rapids Christian High School AP Contract

We, the undersigned student and parent/guardian(s), have carefully read and discussed the requirements and expectations of enrolling in an intensive/accelerated AP course. We have also watched the webcast for the course, and therefore agree to honor this contract.

- AP English Language and Composition**  
*Requirements:* Students must be entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade and have demonstrated proficiency in English courses
- AP Literature and Composition**  
*Requirements:* Students must be entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade and have demonstrated proficiency in English courses
- AP Statistics**  
*Requirements:* Demonstrated proficiency in Math courses  
*Prerequisite:* Functions, Statistics, & Trigonometry
- AP Calculus**  
*Requirements:* Demonstrated proficiency in Math courses  
*Prerequisite:* Pre-Calculus I and II
- AP Biology**  
*Requirements:* **Students must be concurrently enrolled in the Biology AP-LAB**  
*Prerequisite:* Biology and Chemistry (concurrent enrollment in Chemistry may be allowed)
- AP Chemistry**  
*Requirements:* **Students must be concurrently enrolled in the Chemistry AP-LAB**  
*Prerequisite:* 1 semester of Chemistry preferred
- AP Physics**  
*Requirements:* **Students must be concurrently enrolled in AP Calculus**  
*Prerequisite:* 1 semester of Physics preferred
- AP American Government**  
*Requirements:* Students must be entering 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade and have demonstrated proficiency in Social Studies courses  
*Prerequisite:* World History
- AP U.S. History**  
*Requirements:* Students must be entering 10<sup>th</sup> grade and have demonstrated proficiency in Social Studies courses  
*Prerequisite:* World History
- AP European History**  
*Requirements:* Students must be entering 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade and have demonstrated proficiency in Social Studies courses  
*Prerequisite:* World History, U.S. History
- AP Microeconomics (1st Semester), AP Macroeconomics (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)**  
*Requirements:* Students must be entering 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade and have demonstrated proficiency in Social Studies courses. Students may choose to take one or both semesters of this course. There is a separate AP Exam for each.  
*Prerequisite:* Advanced Algebra
- AP Psychology**  
*Requirements:* Students must be entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- AP Computer Science Principles**  
*Prerequisite:* Algebra

*\*\*Please be aware that some of these courses require a departmental application in addition to this contract.*

**Course I am registering for:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Rapids Christian High School Advanced Placement (AP) Contract**

*To enroll in an AP course, this contract must be signed by both the student and parent/guardian and returned to the teacher immediately following the AP course meeting.*

GRCHS is committed to providing an environment in which all students have access to a challenging academic curriculum, including Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Students enrolling in an AP course are demonstrating a willingness to meet the challenge of AP curriculum.

An AP course offers material that is intellectually stimulating and challenges students beyond the scope of regular classroom work; assumes a mastery of the basics required for further study in a given area; emphasizes the quality of work even though more work will be given; provides depth of knowledge through the study of ideas, themes, and problems; encourages use of higher order thinking skills including abstract reasoning, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation; requires flexibility in thinking; calls for proven student work ethic and full engagement in learning; and promotes the use of variety of in-depth performance tasks and assessments. GRCHS will acknowledge the challenging nature of AP by using a 5.0 scale when factoring these courses into a student's GPA. **Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, GRCHS will limit students to three AP courses per semester. We believe that this will best serve our students in the college application process. Students wishing to take more than three AP courses must receive permission from a counselor or an administrator.**

GRCHS requires that all students and their parent/guardian(s) sign this contract to acknowledge that the student is making an informed decision regarding enrollment in an AP course. **In addition to this contract, students are also required to attend an informational meeting with the course teacher.** During this meeting, the teacher(s) will present on the nature of the course, course expectations, and some of the benefits for enrolling in the course.

Student and parent/guardian(s) review the following contract information:

1. I understand that participation in an AP class requires me to demonstrate:
  - a high level of student independence
  - a high degree of student responsibility
  - independent mastery equivalent to a college level course
2. I understand that I am expected to:
  - remain in the class for the entirety of the first semester unless I drop the class within the first four weeks of the semester as in accordance with the Curriculum Guide (A grade penalty of "E" will be imposed if the class is dropped after the four week time frame.)
3. I understand that each AP course has an optional AP exam that:
  - is given by the College Board and that each college treats AP credits differently
  - costs \$94 (listed cost is based on 2017/2018 College Board policy) and must be submitted early second semester.

We are excited about providing an opportunity for your student to take such a rigorous academic course, and we commend both you and your child for accepting such a challenging opportunity.

Thank you,

GRCHS Counselors, Dean of Curriculum, and AP Teachers