AP Parent Night

An Introduction to Advanced Placement Program
Welcome

- What will be covered
  - The Benefits
  - AP Exams
  - What is it like to take an AP course?
  - Next Steps: Help your child make the best choices
  - Q&A
• AP® courses are college-level courses offered in high school

• Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses

• Students take AP Exams at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work

• A score of 3, 4 or 5 on an AP Exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college
Our AP Courses

• **AP Capstone:** AP Seminar

• **Arts:** Music Theory, Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio, Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio

• **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition

• **History and Social Sciences:** European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History, World History

• **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics

• **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1: Algebra-based, Physics 2: Algebra-based

• **World languages:** French Language and Culture, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture
Enrollment Trend

AP Enrollments

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Advanced Placement: The Basics

• Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills
• Taking AP is valued in the college admission process
• AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences
• Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college
• 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student’s AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions*

• Colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admission decision

• AP courses tell college admission officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for the rigors they'll encounter in their college careers

*Unpublished institutional research, Crux Research Inc., March 2007
AP: Skills and Advantages that last a lifetime.

• Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success.

• Nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically earn higher grade point averages in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers*

• Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a college degree on time.* Graduating in four years represents a significant savings on the cost of college.

• Only 1 in 4 college students completes a bachelor’s degree in 4 years.

• The average cost of college for a single year is $23,410** for in-state schools (tuition, fees, room/board, misc. expenses).

* College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences, The College Board, 2008

** The College Board, Trends in College Pricing 2014, Figure 1
When students earn college credit through AP Exams, their options and opportunities expand:
• Move to upper-level college courses sooner
• Pursue a double major
• Gain time to study and travel abroad
AP courses challenge students to work and participate at a higher level:

- Opportunities to explore topics in depth
- More time in and out of the classroom required to complete assignments and projects
- High expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evidence, multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications
AP: Exams

AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

- Exams are typically 2–3 hours and include:
  - Multiple-choice questions
  - Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response
The exam fee for 2018 is $100 per exam.

Assistance is available for eligible students with financial need:

The College Board offers a $20 fee reduction per exam for eligible students with financial need.
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The college Board (2017), Program Summary Report
Earn College Credit and Save on Tuition

For example- AP English language and Composition (3 or better):

- 3 hrs of English 101= $384
- 3 hours of English 1000= $2,010
- 3 hrs of English 103= $1,046.52
- 3hrs of English 101= $1,110.75
- 3 hrs of Freshman Rhetoric= $4,000
- 3 hrs of ENG-X 101 = $6969.20
Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP® credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.

- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school’s Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy
Credit and Placement Opportunities

http://admissions.illinois.edu/Apply/Freshman/college-credit-AP

https://admissions.uiowa.edu/academics/ap
What is it like to take AP?
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<td>AP courses are for students who always get good grades.</td>
<td>AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.</td>
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<td>AP courses are too stressful.</td>
<td>It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the work load.</td>
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<td>I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.</td>
<td>You don’t need to score a 5. Many colleges grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.</td>
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<td>Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.</td>
<td>AP courses are weighted and carry an honors point on a 4.0 scale. Taking AP courses shows colleges that you’re willing to challenge yourself academically.</td>
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<td>I can’t take AP because no one has recommended me.</td>
<td>If you think you’re ready to take an AP course, then you’re ready to advocate for yourself — just talk to a teacher or counselor.</td>
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AP: Parent and Student Expectations

• College level course requires college level expectations:
  – Reading outside of class
  – Writing assignments
  – Participation in discussions

• Regular communication with your teacher

• Advocate when needing help

• Allow for risks and failure
Help your child prepare to talk to a teacher or counselor about AP. Here are some questions to encourage your child to think about:

**What AP course is right for me?**

Before you talk to a teacher or counselor, think about what interests you:

- Which courses do you enjoy most in school? In which subjects do you excel?
- What college majors are you considering? What careers excite you?

Ask your counselor or teacher the following questions:

- In which AP courses at our school am I likely to do well?
- Are there other courses that can help me succeed in AP or prepare me for college and careers?
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**What steps do I need to take?**
- What is our school’s enrollment deadline?
- May I speak with a student who has taken an AP course?
- Are there study groups or people who can offer help if I need it?
- What can I do next to help me prepare for AP?
Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

• AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org

• College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org

• Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT® results: My College QuickStart™
  www.collegeboard.org/quickstart

• AP credit policy information from colleges and universities:
  www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy
Questions and Answers