

# Foundational Pathways

**EAST HIGH**  
**LEOPARDS**  
Established 1913™

East High will provide a rigorous, research-based curriculum that leads to deeper, more complex critical thinking. By enrolling all students in the same core classes their freshmen year and growing the foundational skills they need to be successful moving forward, we hope to close our opportunity gaps and improve instruction for all students. Our students will graduate with knowledge, skills, and experiences they need to succeed beyond high school.

## OUR VISION

**Empower student voices and take action to value growth, embrace equity, and meet high expectations.**

## PATHWAYS

- East has been focused on creating more rigorous pathways with SCC for over a decade
- Moving forward, East will increase opportunities and offer more advanced courses (AP, Concurrent, AP Capstone, CTE pathways)
- One of the pathways is the option to earn an AP capstone diploma

## PREPARING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

- Each student needs a foundation of critical thinking and problem-solving skills to succeed in advanced courses and outside of school
- East began building that foundation by implementing Pre-AP English and AP Human Geography as core courses for 9th graders
- We plan to continue building that foundation by implementing a Secondary Math 1 with an honors option for all, biology for 9th graders, and Pre-AP for 10th graders
- These changes will help reduce the opportunity gap at East by ensuring that each student has access to opportunities and develops the foundational skills they need
- These changes will increase opportunities and choice for each student, allowing them to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills as they choose their own pathways and explore career trajectories that interest them
- The focus will shift from the traditional practice of valuing product over process to teaching 21st century skills that students need for college and their careers
- Common App has a box to check if a student received an IB diploma or AP Capstone Diploma



## WHY PRE-AP/AP CAPSTONE?

- To close the opportunity gap. AP is a nationally known and respected organization. East is the first school in Utah to adopt research-based Pre-AP courses, and the first in our district to adopt the AP Certificate and Capstone Diploma
- To create 21st century students who are critical thinkers, understand process not just procedure, participate in group discussions and collaborations, and gain new perspectives
- To shift the focus from quantity to quality
- To push all students to challenge themselves

