

**AP INSTITUTE**



**CAPSTONE DIPLOMA**

**West Covina High School  
AP Capstone  
Information Night**

**Thursday, February  
2nd  
6:30 PM  
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# Tonight's Overview

- AP Institute Introduction
- Advanced Placement Classes
- Being a Competitive College Applicant
- AP Capstone Diploma: AP Seminar & Research
- Benefits of being part of the AP Institute
- AP Institute Spotlight AP Capstone Students
- Application Process

# What is the AP Institute?

AP Institute is a 4-year **AP pathway** and a 2-year elective **diploma program** that allows students the opportunity to:

- develop college-level skills
- research & explore solutions to real-world issues
- collaborate & present with peers
- plan & conduct a year-long study

\*Students who pass the AP Seminar and AP Research exams, along with 4 additional AP exams, earn the prestigious

**AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA**



# Meet our AP Institute Staff Team!

**We're here for you and your academic success!**

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# Advanced Placement Classes

## What are AP classes and why take them?

- College-level courses
- Reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses.
- AP Exams are taken at the end of the course
- A score of 3 or higher on AP exams typically earns students college credit = tuition savings.
- **WCHS offers 27 AP courses** in various departments. You get to choose what subjects you want to study!



**27 AP COURSES**

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*AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA SCHOOL*

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AP Biology  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Calculus BC  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Computer Science A  
 AP Computer Science Principles  
 AP Economics  
 AP English Language & Composition  
 AP English Literature & Composition  
 AP Environmental Science  
 AP European History  
 AP Government  
 AP Human Geography  
 AP Mandarin  
 AP Physics  
 AP Pre-Calculus  
 AP Psychology  
 AP Research  
 AP Seminar  
 AP Spanish Language & Culture  
 AP Spanish Literature & Culture  
 AP Statistics  
 AP Studio Art: 2D Art & Design  
 AP Studio Art: 3D Art & Design  
 AP Studio Art: Drawing  
 AP United States History  
 AP World History

# Being a Competitive College Applicant

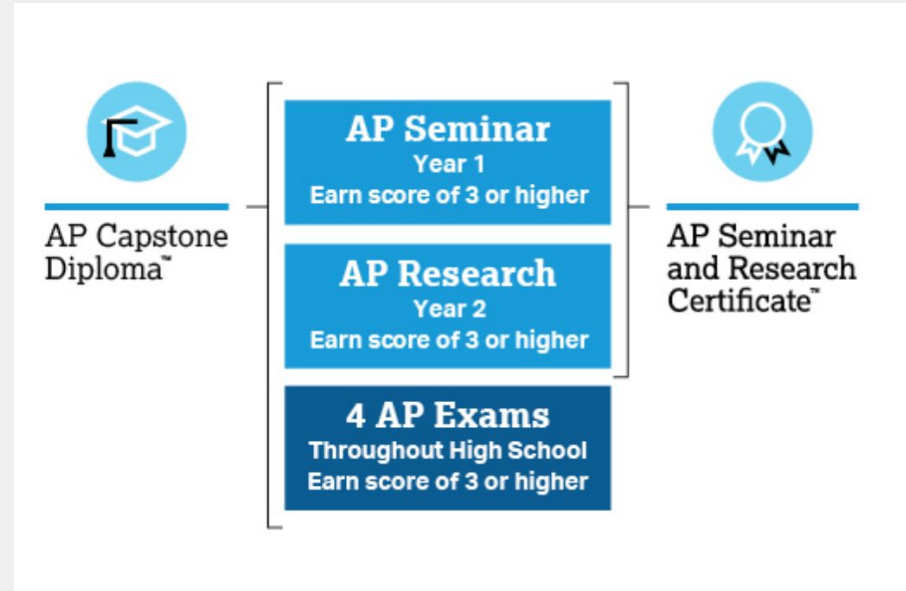
- GPA is the most important factor
- Rigorous course schedule in grades 9-12
- Extracurricular activities and leadership
- Preparation for 1st choice major
- Commitment
- Personal character/college essays
- Test scores



# AP Capstone Diploma

## How do you earn the prestigious AP Capstone Diploma?

- AP Seminar (10-11th Grade)-**hybrid**
- AP Research (11-12th Grade)-**hybrid**
- Pass at least 4 AP Exams and AP Seminar and Research with scores of 3 or higher

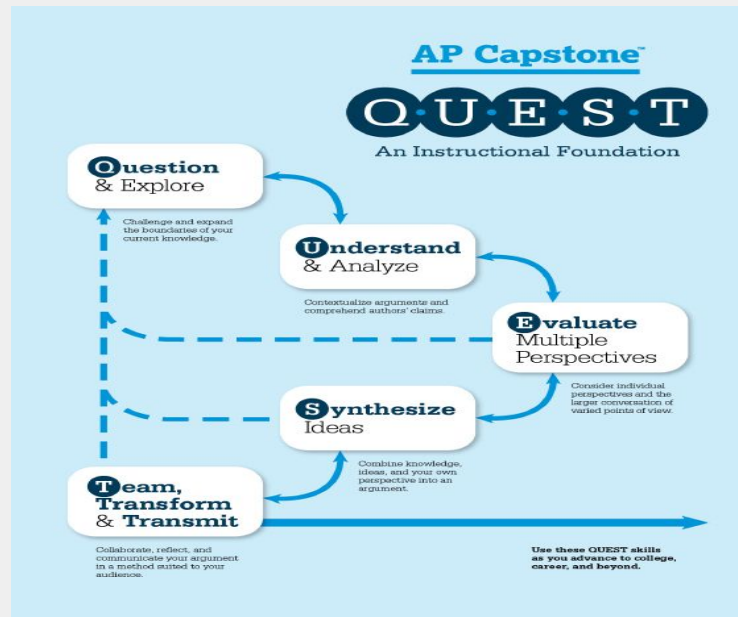


# AP SEMINAR

## What do students do in AP Seminar (10-11th Grade)?

Students hone QUEST skills by

- asking open-ended questions about topics or issues of interest
- reading a variety of perspectives
- synthesizing information & developing their own perspective
- writing research-based essays
- designing & delivering oral presentations





# AP RESEARCH

## What do students do in AP Research (11-12th Grade)?

Students will learn the following skills

- conduct independent research
- analyze sources and evidence
- apply context and perspective
- write a college level academic paper
- present research findings to an audience

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# AP<sup>®</sup> Research

# Benefits of the AP Institute

- Earn the prestigious AP Diploma
- Stand out to top tier universities
- Be more competitive in the scholarship application process
- Priority registration for classes
- Private college consulting opportunities, including help with college essays and applications
- Develop key college academic skills
- Exclusive opportunities with university speakers
- College visit trips
- AP Institute apparel and merchandise



# APPLY FOR AP Institute

**Eligibility: Student with 3.0 GPA and has the potential to enroll in an AP Class**

**Application:**

**[AP Institute Application](#)**

**Application Due March 3rd**

