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AP/Honors Program Information Night

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What Does AP Stand For?

- Advanced Placement - a program run by [College Board](#)
- AP courses are college-level courses offered in high school - they reflect what is taught in introductory college courses.
- Every AP course has an AP exam or portfolio requirement. A score of 3 or higher *can* earn a student college credit at some universities.



Why take an AP class?

- Develop academic skills to better prepare for college.
- Dig deeper into subjects that interest them and learn to tap their creativity and problem-solving skills to address course challenges
- Tells college admission officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for college
- 85% of selective universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions



Why take an AP class con't?

- Nationally, 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
- With college credit for AP exams passed, students can more easily complete college in 4 years with time to explore additional electives, a minor, or a second major



What is the difference between AP and Honors?

- Both are great ways to challenge your student and both look favorable on college applications
- The main difference between the two has to do with **college credit: AP tests provide the chance to receive college credit.**
- Both Honors and AP courses carry potential for weighted GPA



How many AP/Honors classes will count for college credit?

- **UC's & CSU's** limit the GPA bump and you can receive up to **4** classes, with no more than 2 classes from 10th grade.
- You may take additional AP & Honors classes but the Honors/GPA bump (for UC's and CSU's) will only be applied to 4 classes.



Who can take an AP/Honors class?

- Any student who is academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses (need B or better in most pre-requisite courses).
- Students looking to apply to 4 year colleges or want the experience of a college level course
- Students willing to commit to a year long class - cannot switch in or out



How many AP/Honors classes can I take?

- **College Park High School recommends a *maximum* of 3 AP/Honors classes in a single year**
 - Time constraints: plan for additional homework and studying time each day
 - Consider extracurricular activities, employment, and other commitments
 - Colleges look at much more than just the number of AP courses



Students who enroll in an AP class are expected to:

- Be independent learners, willing to read, learn, ask questions, pursue outside reading and research, integrate and discuss material from diverse sources.
- Meet any prerequisites prior to enrolling in an AP course as outlined in the course catalog.
- Spend a significantly greater amount of time on work outside of class compared to peers in non-AP classes.



How many AP/Honors classes can I take?

In short, the goal is to challenge and enrich your high school curriculum, not to spread yourself too thin.





What About Pressure and Stress?

What does this mean for you?

- Have an honest conversation about how many AP classes, extracurriculars, hours of employments, etc. that you can fit into a 24 hour day with time set aside for sleep, family time and down time.
- Set hours aside for studying or form a study group
- Protect your sleep! Unplug and turn off the cell phone, or keep it with parents/guardians past 10 pm



Quality over Quantity

It is better to have A's and B's with minimal or no AP/Honors courses rather than overloading schedules with multiple AP/Honors courses and potentially receiving D's and F's.

AP/Honors classes are not required for college admission!



What About Pressure and Stress?

WEEKLY TIME MANAGEMENT CHART

STUDENT: _____ COUNSELOR: _____

A: School & Homework: Please fill in your anticipated schedule for the 2019/20 school year (in no

particular order):

A: School & Homework. Class	Hours in Class Per Week (1 class = 1 hr, 1 block=1.5 hrs)	Hours of HW per Week (for AP or Honors classes)
0:		
1:		
2:		
3:		
4:		
5:		
6:		
TOTAL School Related Hours		

B: Activities. Please list your extracurricular activities:

Activity	HOURS PER WEEK
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What About AP Exams?

- AP exams are administered nationwide on specific dates and times during the first 2 weeks of May
- Exams are typically 2-3 hours
- Colleges and universities give credit or advanced placement for *qualifying* AP Exam scores, **NOT** AP course grades.
- AP charges a fee for exams - the current fee is **\$101** per exam
- Students who qualify for a fee reduction pay \$5 per exam (free and reduced lunch program)



AP & Honors level classes offered at College Park

(All require a completed AP/Honors Contract)

- AP Psychology - Hallquist
- AP English Language - Coito
- AP English Literature - Benerofe
- AP Calculus AB - Atterbury
- AP Calculus BC - Phan
- AP Environmental Science - Bodrog
- AP Chemistry - Maganito
- AP Physics - White
- AP World History - Gale
- AP United States History - Haider
- AP Art 2D Design - Kennedy, Le Hardy
- AP Music Theory - Jimenez
- AP Biology - Virk
- French IV (AP) - Berson
- French V (Honors) - Berson
- Spanish IV (AP) - Beltran
- Spanish V (Honors) - Beltran
- German IV (AP) - Otus
- German V (Honors) - Otus
- AP Computer Science A - Dahl
- AP Computer Science Principles - Furtado
- Human Body Systems (Honors) - Thomas
- Medical Intervention (Honors) - Thomas
- AP Pre-Calculus (replaces Pre-Calc Honors)
- AP Statistics - Strange



I want in, but where do I start?

- Review the AP portion of our website for updates and details about specific AP classes (summer reading, assignments, etc.)
- Review and discuss AP/Honors expectations and requirements
- Review, electronically sign, and submit the AP/Honors contract (Google form) - can be found under CPHS Counseling/Academic Planning tab
- The expectation is that parents/guardians & students complete the form together



AP/Honors Contract

- Students must complete the [AP/Honors Contract](#) in order to apply for an AP class.
- Each student applying to one or more AP/Honors courses must fill out the Google Form.
- By submitting this form, it is understood that the parent/guardian and student are agreeing to this contract and the items that it contains. *If this form is not turned in, students can not enroll in an AP/Honors course.*
- All AP/Honors courses are year-long and students are expected to remain in the class for the entire course.



Where can I find more info about AP courses?

College Park High School website



Counseling/College & Career Tab



2023-2024 Course Card Information



Course request entries, the [AP/Honors Contract](#), and any class applications are all due by:

- Juniors: **due by January 22**
- Sophomores: **due by January 22**
- Freshman: **due by January 29**



It is the student's responsibility to reach out to AP teacher(s) and find out about summer assignments (if any).



AP Calculus: AB

● Course Requirements

- Any of the following:
 - C or better in Precalculus Honors
 - A in Precalculus (non-Honors)
 - A in Algebra II/Trig*

● Grading Policies

- 90-100% → A , 80-90% → B, 70-80% → C, 60-70% → D, < 60% → F
- HW → 20%, Quizzes → 10%, Tests → 55%, Final → 15%
- Note: Since this is an AP class, there is a grade boost of 1 grade point

● Workload Expectations

- 2-5 hr of homework per week
- 2-3 projects completed outside of class
- Study time for quizzes/tests at least every other week

Recommended Materials

- Graphing calculator
- Textbook
(district-provided)

*Independent summer work is required for students in Algebra II/Trig interested in taking this course. Please contact Mr. Atterbury (atterburyt@mdusd.org) for further details.

AP 2D Art: Photography

Course Objective:

Portfolio creation of 22 completed artworks based on depth reflection & analysis of concept:

- 10 best works,
- 12 sustained investigation of an essential question developed by the student. Portfolio is to be submitted to AP for evaluation during AP testing period.

Course Requirements & Prerequisites:

- B or better in Photo 1 and Photo 2
- Fluency in Adobe Editing Software (no need for remedial coaching)
- Willingness to work independently/outside of class on long term projects
- Student must have high level time management skills - none of the work for this course can be crammed or rushed.

Summer Work:

- Exploration of two possible sustained investigation topics (30 + viable captures)
- Collection of best works (10 + viable captures)
- Due at the end of the second week of school

AP Pre-Calculus

Prerequisite: Grade of B or better in Algebra 2/Trig

Preparation of material needed for success in Calculus including but not limited to Conic sections, linear algebra, trigonometry, polar equations, and an introduction to limits.

Students are expected to do roughly 20 to 30 practice problems per lesson.

No summer course work required.

AP Computer Science Principles

AP Computer Science Principles curriculum is a full-year, rigorous, project based, entry-level course that introduces high school students to the foundations of modern computing.

The course covers a broad range of foundational topics such as programming, algorithms, the Internet, big data, digital privacy and security, and the societal impacts of computing. (*Code.org Curriculum Guide 2020-2021*)

Prerequisites: None! However, much of the coursework is performed online so you should be comfortable working with technology.

No Summer Work

AP Class Overview link

This powerpoint will describe each AP/Honors class in detail



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Please check out
College Board's [website](#) for
more information

*Thank you for attending.
Questions?*