



Mission & Purpose of APEX

The Academic Program of Excellence (APEX) is a voluntary organization, established in 2015, with the goal of preparing Bellflower High School's high achieving students for admittance to the most competitive colleges and universities in the country.

Bellflower's APEX director will monitor student progress throughout the time that they remain a member. The APEX director will provide the necessary academic support, cultural enrichment, and supervision to ensure student success. Students will also receive leadership development training, in addition to obtaining specialized attention with resumes, college applications, and scholarship applications.

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Requirements

- Maintain an minimal Weighted Total GPA of 3.6 or above while in high school
- Pass a writing entrance exam for APEX
- No D or F in any class
- Take a minimum of five Advanced Placement (AP) classes through the course of their high school career
- Each year, the student **MUST** be enrolled in an AP class, plus have at least one additional honors and/or AP course.

Grading in AP Classes

- It is not unusual for straight A students to earn their first B or C upon entering APEX while they adjust to the more demanding requirements of AP classes. Students eventually will adjust to the level of rigor that is required of them.
- AP courses are more difficult than Honors or college prep courses as they are actual college-level courses and require a significant increase in time spent studying and preparing for exams.
- GPA is weighed as follows in an AP course:
5.0 = A 4.0 = B 3.0 = C
- D and F are not weighted and not accepted for application to the Cal State University or University of California college systems
- Time Management is a must!

AP Courses Offered at Bellflower

AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC
AP Human Geography	AP U.S. History
AP World History	AP Government
AP Environmental Science	AP Biology
AP English Language	AP Chemistry
AP English Literature	AP Physics
AP Spanish Language	AP Music Theory
AP French Language	

The Success of APEX is grounded on a Network of Support

1. First: The Students

APEX Students must be highly motivated individuals who are determined to achieve.

2. Second: The Teachers

The APEX director works closely with all the Honors and Advanced Placement instructors to ensure that APEX students are learning in a rigorous and supportive learning environment. Along with Bellflower counselors, the APEX director works closely with students, assisting them in identifying colleges that are a good fit. In addition, the APEX director spends one-on-one time with students throughout the program, assisting students on college admissions essays, scholarship applications, and resumes.

3. Third: The Parents

Obviously, successful students rely on the support and involvement of their parents. As students navigate the complicated four years of high school, parental involvement is more important than ever. Parents and students maintain a focus on academic achievement in the face of many conflicting demands. Only parents can see to it that academic studies remain top priority.



Exclusive APEX Activities

- **College Tours***: APEX students will be able to attend a college tour along the West Coast of California. Eventually, the program will expand to other regions of the United States.
- **Cultural Events***: APEX students are exposed to the visual and performing arts with trips to top theaters, musicals, and museums.
- **High School, College, and Career Planning**: APEX students will continuously meet with the APEX director to plan out high school courses, in addition to receiving help on college and scholarship applications, resumes, and job applications.
- **Leadership Development**: APEX students will discuss concepts about leadership, with the hope that APEX students will become the student leaders on campus.
- **Graduation**: APEX students will be able to graduate with distinction from Bellflower High School, and will receive several benefits as a result.

*May require fee to attend events

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