

# AP Recognitions

- The College Board offers a number of recognitions to help students stand out in the college-admissions process based on their success in AP:
- AP Scholar - granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher on 3 or more AP Exams
- AP Scholar with Honor - granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams
- AP Scholar with Distinction - granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams
- In 2023, Dreher had the following number of AP award recipients:
  - 81 AP Scholars
  - 15 AP Scholars with Honor
  - 50 AP Scholars with Distinction



## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE OFFERINGS AT DREHER

(taking requests for 2024-25)

AP English Language  
AP English Literature  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics  
AP Human Geography  
AP European History  
AP World History: Modern  
AP United States History  
AP Microeconomics  
AP United States Government  
AP Psychology  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Physics 1  
AP Physics 2  
AP Music Theory  
AP Drawing  
AP 2-D Art and Design  
AP 3-D Art and Design  
AP Computer Science A  
AP Spanish Language & Culture\*  
AP Seminar  
AP Research

\*potential new offering in 2024-25

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# Dreher High School

## Advanced Placement Program 2023-2024



Dreher High School  
An AP Capstone School

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## AP at Dreher - An Overview

- Advanced Placement (AP) courses are college-level courses offered in high school.
- AP is a program developed and overseen by the College Board, the national organization responsible for the SAT and for improving access to college nationwide.
- Students take **AP exams** at the end of the courses to measure their mastery of college-level work. These exams are given in May. Possible scores on the exams range from 1 to 5. Exams contain multiple choice and free response questions.
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP exam can often earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.
- In 2023-24, Dreher is offering 24 different AP courses to its students.
- The College Board maintains a website at <http://www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy> that can be used to determine which credits different colleges award for passing AP scores. Colleges also post their AP credit policies on their individual websites.

## Benefits of AP

- 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
- There are opportunities to earn valuable credit and placement in college

## Dreher's Success with AP

- Dreher's AP program is one of the largest and most successful in the state of South Carolina.

## Dreher's AP Statistics:

Year	# of AP Students	# of AP Exams	Passing Percentage
2023	335	702	77.4%
2022	328	701	72.0%
2021	319	716	62.4%
2020	330	733	73.7%
2019	373	849	76.0%
2018	333	736	73.6%
2017	290	584	71.7%

- Compare Dreher's scores to schools statewide at <http://ed.sc.gov/data/test-scores/national-assessments/ap>



## Research, Academic Rigor, Distinction

- In 2016-17, Dreher became one of the first schools in South Carolina to offer **AP Capstone**, the College Board's new diploma-level program.
- AP Capstone consists of two courses, **AP Seminar** and **AP Research**, that seek to help students develop research, problem-solving, and communication skills.
- In **AP Seminar**, students practice reading and analyzing articles, research studies, and foundational literary and philosophical texts. They carefully analyze information and write evidence-based arguments. Students work independently and with a team to research a topic, develop a written report, and deliver a presentation.
- In **AP Research**, students design, plan, and conduct a year-long research-based investigation. They write a college-level research paper (thesis) and present and orally defend their research findings and methodologies.
- Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams will receive the **AP Capstone Diploma**, a nationally recognized credential issued by the College Board and widely recognized in the college-admissions process.
- **Twenty-nine** Dreher students in the Class of 2023 earned the AP Capstone Diploma.