
AP Psychology

(11th-12th Grade Elective)

Curriculum Review Committee

April 11, 2024



Guiding Standards and Curriculum Contributors

College Board

Informed by:

- American Psychological Association Introductory Psychology Initiative
- Inclusion of college and university faculty

KHS AP Psychology Teachers

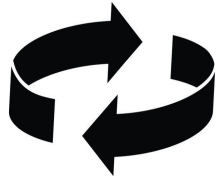
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Course Framework

4 Science Practices

- Concept Application
- Research Methods and Design
- Data Interpretation
- Argumentation **NEW**



5 Content Units

- Biological Bases of Behavior
- Cognition
- Development and Learning
- Social Psychology and Personality
- Mental and Physical Health



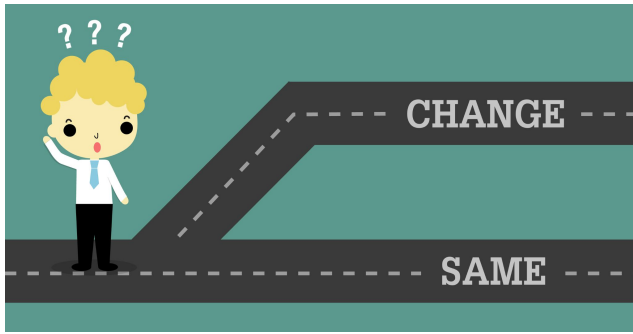
What's New?

Minimal Changes to Course Content:

- Stronger emphasis on Scientific Thinking
- Reduced emphasis on:
 - History of the field
 - Memorizing names
 - Content lacking modern scientific support

Big Changes to Required Skills

- Increased reading and data interpretation in multiple choice
- Free Response Questions focus on scientific analysis
 - NEW** Article Analysis Question
 - One summarized peer-reviewed source
 - NEW** Evidence-Based Question
 - Create and defend a claim from 3 summarized studies



Strategic Plan Alignment

Curriculum, Instruction & Programs

- Applicable knowledge for anyone who interacts with people
- Provides learning strategies with widespread applications
- College credit opportunity

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

- Understanding of personal, social/cultural, environmental factors that make us unique, and what unites us.

Social, Mental & Emotional Health

- Break down stigmas around mental health
- Universal strategies to improve health and resilience

Our Mission

To equip students with the skills, knowledge and understanding to be empathetic, successful, and to value all people.

Strategic Plan 2021-2026

