Madison County Advanced Scholars Academy

What is the Advanced Scholars Academy?

It is an advanced academic program providing students with the opportunity to be engaged in a challenging and rigorous curriculum designed to ensure college readiness.

What is Advanced Placement (AP)?

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program in the United States created by the College Board offering college-level curriculum and examinations to high school students.

Why would I choose AP courses?

Colleges often grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores above a certain number on the examinations. AP teachers are trained by the College Board.

What is an AP test?

AP tests are **college-level exams on specific subjects** and are administered in May upon the completion of an AP course taken at a student's high school. At many colleges and universities, a high enough score will earn the student college credit.

How is an AP Test Scored:

AP tests are scored on a 1 to 5 scale as follows:

5 - Extremely well qualified
4 - Well qualified
3 - Qualified
2 - Possibly qualified
1 - No recommendation

How does AP credit work?

College credit - A qualifying AP score is a 3, 4, or 5. Depending on the college and score, students may be awarded college credit or allowed to bypass certain intro college classes.

School credit/transcript - **AP classes are the ONLY weighted credits**. An A = 5 points rather than 4 on an unweighted scale. A B = 4 and a C = 3.

Reminder: AP courses require a paper recommendation form to be completed by the current subject teacher. See counseling office for form.

Admittance to the Advanced Scholars Academy

-The following will be considered: application, 2 teacher recommendations, and an essay.

-A welcome letter will be sent in June if a student is accepted.

General Requirements for the Advanced Scholars Academy Diploma

- Have a minimum cumulative high school/college grade-point average of 3.0.
- Have a minimum ACT composite score of 22 (cannot be superscore).
- Take and pass a minimum of 7 AP courses, or a combination of college and AP courses. 3 courses of the 7 must be AP courses. The other 4 can be a mixture of AP and dual credit.

AP Classes Currently Offered

Biology
Calculus AB
Chemistry
Computer Science Principles
Computer Science A
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
European History
Physics
United States History
Government & Politics

**Course offerings subject to change per academic year.*