



# Santa Paula High School

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## Santa Paula High School Advanced Placement Course Contract

Congratulations on your decision to enroll in an Advanced Placement (AP) course at Santa Paula High School. This decision is a reflection of your dedication to academic excellence and your aspiration to seek new challenges. AP courses, recognized nationally, offer rigorous, college-level curricula that provide students with opportunities to earn college credits and enhance their readiness for higher education. By taking and completing these courses, you are creating future opportunities for success - college admission advantages, college credit and advanced college standing, preparation for college-level work, potential scholarships and financial benefits, increased career opportunities, global recognition, personal growth and development, access to specialized fields of study, networking opportunities, enhanced writing and research skills, development of time management and organizational skills, and more.

Students enrolling in AP courses should be prepared for an enriching but demanding educational experience. Because Santa Paula Unified school district is covering the costs of AP exams this school year, ***all students are expected to take the AP exam for each course they are enrolled in.***

AP courses are considered to be college level courses, in which students may earn an extra grade point for each AP course completed with a C or better; and students may earn college credit for each exam passed with a score of 3 or better. Students should expect 1 to 2 hours of home study for every hour spent in class. Though AP classes are more rigorous than general college preparatory classes, most students adjust to the rigor and learn to perform at a satisfactory level or above.

Before a student requests to enroll in an AP course, they are required to visit the SPHS AP Program Website as well as CollegeBoard's AP central to review the syllabus for each course of interest.

SPHS AP Program Homepage

<https://santapaulahighschool.santapaulausd.org/sphs-advanced-placement-website>

CollegeBoard's AP Central – Course Descriptions

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/descriptions/index.html>

By initialing below, I understand the requirements of enrolling in Advanced Placement Course(s); and my parent/guardian and I agree to the following terms. *Al escribir mis iniciales a continuación, entiendo los requisitos para inscribirme en Colocación Avanzada Curso(s); y mi padre/tutor y yo aceptamos los siguientes términos):*

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ 1. The demands of an AP course exceed those of a general college prep course, and I am committed to the extra effort needed to succeed in each course. *Las exigencias de un curso AP superan las de un curso general de preparación universitaria y estoy comprometido con el esfuerzo adicional necesario para tener éxito en cada curso.*

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ 2. I will have **up to the first 10 days into the fall semester** to withdraw from the course and enroll in a subject equivalent course (if applicable). Students will be unable to withdraw from an AP course after the first 10 days into the fall semester. *Tendré hasta los primeros 10 días del semestre de otoño para retirarme del curso e inscribirme en un curso equivalente (si corresponde). Los estudiantes no podrán retirarse de un curso AP después de los primeros 10 días del semestre de otoño.*

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ 3. An AP course is a **year-long commitment** and it is an expectation that I will not withdraw from this AP course at the end of the first semester. Dropping an AP course in the spring semester is **only** possible if the student receives a grade of "D" or "F" in an AP class during the preceding fall semester. *Un curso AP es un compromiso de un año y se espera que no me retire de este curso AP al final del primer semestre. Solamente es posible abandonar un curso AP en el semestre de primavera si el estudiante recibe una calificación de "D" o "F" en una clase AP durante el semestre de otoño anterior.*

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ 4. I will **NOT** receive an extra grade point for the first semester if I drop the course at the end of the first semester. *NO recibiré un punto de calificación adicional para el primer semestre si abandono el curso al final del primer semestre.*

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ 5. I must abide by the conditions set forth in the course syllabus (e.g., attendance, grading and make-up policies). *Debo cumplir con las condiciones establecidas en el programa del curso (por ejemplo, políticas de asistencia, calificaciones y recuperación).*

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ 6. After reading the course description/syllabus for each AP course, I am confident that I have the skills and dedication necessary to be successful in the course listed below. *Después de leer la descripción/programa de estudios de cada curso AP, estoy seguro de que tengo las habilidades y la dedicación necesarias para tener éxito en el curso que se detalla a continuación.*

\*\* An AP contract must be completed and submitted for **each AP course** you plan to take. Contracts are to be submitted to your student's counselor.\*\*

List AP course title: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Signature, Date

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Parent Signature, Date