

Advanced Placement (AP) Classes

Advanced Placement exposes high school students to college-level courses. Students are able to take an AP exam, which would potentially grant them college credit for the course. Each test will cost the student approximately \$99, which must be paid before the test is administered. Students will register for the AP tests in the School Counseling office. A score of at least 3 out of 5 guarantees college credit at Ohio Public Institutions of Higher Learning. GHS offers the following AP courses:

- AP English Language and Composition (American Literature and Composition)
- AP English Literature and Composition (British Literature and Composition)
- AP United States Government
- AP United States History
- AP World History
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish
- AP French
- AP Latin
- AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus (AB, BC & ABC)
- AP Statistics
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Biology
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- AP Music Theory

Advanced Placement (AP) Guidelines

1. Advanced Placement courses are college-level courses taught at the high school. They are, therefore, more difficult and require more preparation by students. If a student demonstrates a lack of initiative, discipline problems in the class or neglect of homework preparation, the student **may be removed** from the class. Students in AP courses should be of the highest work ethic and seriousness in their approach to their studies.
2. Students who earn a final grade of B- or better in any AP course will receive an additional weight of 1.0 GPA points for that course. For example, a grade of "A" in a non-AP course is worth 4.0 GPA points. In AP courses, that "A" is worth 5.0 GPA points.
3. If a student receives a C- or lower in an AP class during any given quarter, he or she will be warned. If the student receives another C- or lower, the student could be dropped from the course. Grades of C+ and below in AP courses will result in no weighting of the grade.
4. Teachers may assign work to be completed before the actual AP course begins. Check with the AP teacher for this information. If summer work is not completed, the student could be dropped from the course.
5. Students new to the Granville School District will need to send proof (i.e. teacher recommendations and transcript) to support their placement into AP courses. They must also meet the same prerequisite requirements as current students.
6. In thinking about whether or not AP courses are the right choice, we suggest a student consider the following benchmarks. The student should achieve a minimum of 85-90% on tests and papers in their non-AP class leading to each particular AP class. If the previous class is an AP class (i.e. AP English 11 to AP English 12) the student should achieve a

minimum average of 80% on tests and papers. Students still struggling with the thought of whether to take AP courses or not should talk to their current teachers and school counselors for guidance.

7. If a student is identified as cognitively gifted or gifted in a specific subject area, they are strongly encouraged to follow all the recommendations above as well as grade pre-requisites for specific AP courses. However, they will be eligible to enroll in AP courses outside of the guidelines above in the area of specified giftedness.