



## 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 2024-25, 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
2024	316	667	80.4%
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%

- 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 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.
- **Thirty-eight** Dreher students in the Class of 2024 earned the AP Capstone Diploma.