

AP INSTITUTE

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CAPSTONE DIPLOMA

West Covina High School

# AP Program and Capstone

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# Advanced Placement Classes

## What are AP classes and why take them?

- College-level courses
- Reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses.
- AP Exams are taken at the end of the course
- A score of 3 or higher on AP exams typically earns students college credit = tuition savings.
- **WCHS offers 26 AP courses** in various departments. You get to choose what subjects you want to study!



**27 AP COURSES**

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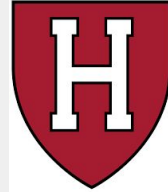
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AP Biology  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Calculus BC  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Computer Science A  
 AP Computer Science Principles  
 AP Economics  
 AP English Language & Composition  
 AP English Literature & Composition  
 AP Environmental Science  
 AP European History  
 AP Government  
 AP Human Geography  
 AP Mandarin  
 AP Physics  
 AP Pre-Calculus  
 AP Psychology  
 AP Research  
 AP Seminar  
 AP Spanish Language & Culture  
 AP Spanish Literature & Culture  
 AP Statistics  
 AP Studio Art: 2D Art & Design  
 AP Studio Art: 3D Art & Design  
 AP Studio Art: Drawing  
 AP United States History  
 AP World History

# Being a Competitive College Applicant

- GPA is the most important factor
- Rigorous course schedule in grades 9-12
- Extracurricular activities and leadership
- Preparation for 1st choice major
- Commitment & Work Ethic
- Personal character/college essays
- Test scores



# What is the AP Capstone Diploma?

In 2025, fifty one students earned the AP Diploma at WCHS  
An **AP Pathway** and a 2-year elective **Diploma Program** that allows students the opportunity to:

- Develop college-level skills
- Research & explore solutions to real-world issues
- Collaborate & present with peers
- Plan & conduct a year-long study

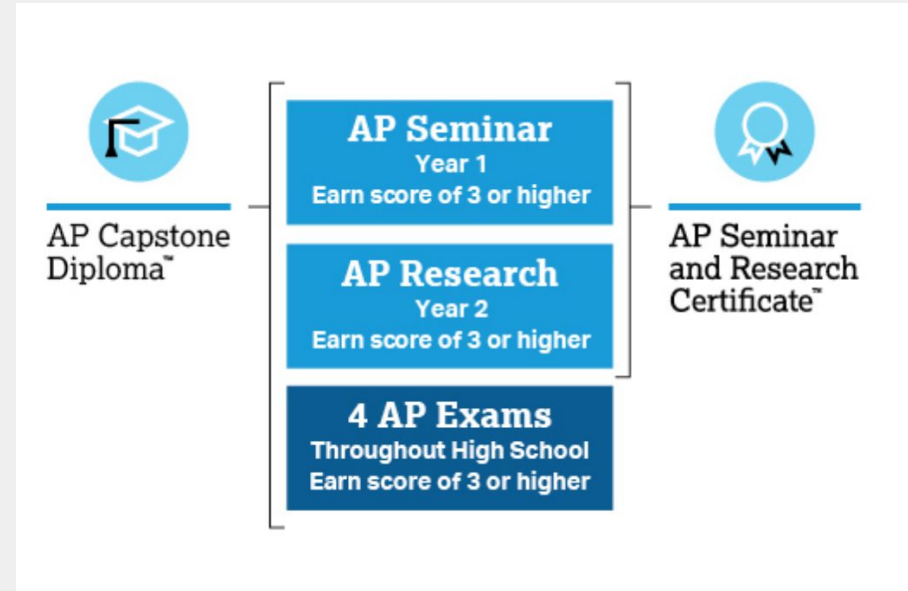
\*Students who pass the AP Seminar and AP Research exams, along with 4 additional AP exams, earn the prestigious

**AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA**

# AP Capstone Diploma

## How do you earn the prestigious AP Capstone Diploma?

- AP Seminar (10-11th Grade)-**hybrid**
- AP Research (11-12th Grade)-**hybrid**
- Pass at least 4 AP Exams and AP Seminar and Research with scores of 3 or higher



# AP SEMINAR

## What do students do in AP Seminar (10-11th Grade)?

Students will

- Investigate topics through different perspectives
- Apply skills from other AP Courses
- Conduct graduate level research
- Develop argumentative writing and presentation skills



# AP RESEARCH

## What do students do in AP Research (11-12th Grade)?

Students will

- Conduct independent research
- Analyze sources and evidence
- Apply context and perspective
- Write a college level academic paper
- Present research findings to an audience

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# AP<sup>®</sup> Research

# Benefits of the AP Capstone

## **This is WHY!!**

- Earn the prestigious AP Diploma
- Stand out to top tier universities
- Be more competitive in the scholarship application process
- Develop key college academic skills



# AP Capstone Honor Society

Student centered program for Academic Leaders on campus to celebrate and foster a community of academic excellence.

- Peer support and tutoring opportunities
- Club activities such as college field trips
- AP Capstone Achievement and Showcase Night
- Student Leadership Development

\*\*\*Eligibility based on AP class enrollment, GPA, and Capstone enrollment by 11th grade

# Sign-Up for AP Capstone

**Please reach out to Ms. Brandt or Dr. Steinmetz if you are interested in AP classes or on the AP Capstone program**