

Notification of Advanced Coursework Access

The Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District strongly encourages eligible students to enroll in rigorous, and robust, course opportunities. Advanced opportunities exist in the form of honors, dual enrollment, Pre-Advanced Placement, and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Advanced coursework provides an opportunity for students to gain skills and demonstrate competencies at a higher level. Other benefits of advanced coursework may include:

- improving a student's self-confidence and image of self.
- demonstrating a student's preparedness for college-level coursework.
- earning college credit(s) prior to graduation.
- reducing future costs for higher education.
- reducing the amount of time that the student must spend in secondary and/or post-secondary school.

Courses designated as advanced coursework will be marked with the following icon in the Course Catalog:



Description of Programming

- **Pre-AP / Honors Courses**
Pre-AP and Honors classes are offered to help students prepare for the academic rigor of dual enrollment and Advanced Placement courses. These courses are not weighted for GPA and class rank calculations.
- **Dual Enrollment Courses**
Dual enrollment courses allow eligible students to earn college credit through the Gemini program at Finger Lakes Community College. Additional information about these courses can be found on page 12 of the Course Catalog. Dual enrollment classes are weighted by 10% for GPA and class rank calculations.
- **Advanced Placement Courses**
Advanced Placement courses are governed by regulations established by College Board. These courses offer college-level content and examinations. College credit is awarded by individual colleges and universities based on the AP exam score. Additional information about these courses can be found on page 13 of the Course Catalog. AP classes are weighted by 10% for GPA and class rank calculations.

Student Supports for Success

Teachers are available for additional student support from 2:16 PM – 3:00 PM Mondays through Thursdays. Additionally, support may also be available in the Learning Center, and it may be possible to connect with teachers at other times throughout the day.

Cost and Financial Assistance

Dual enrollment courses are currently \$7 per credit hour. However, Gemini dual enrollment fees are currently covered by the school district, so there is no out-of-pocket cost for students and families. Additionally, students who qualify for free or reduced lunch qualify for a fee waiver.

The cost of Advanced Placement exams is set by College Board each year. Currently, AP exam fees will be covered by the school district. However, students must pay a refundable \$40 per exam deposit when exams are ordered in the fall. The deposit is returned upon exam completion. If a student does not complete an exam which they have ordered, then the deposit is forfeited.

Any concerns regarding the cost of either program should be addressed with the appropriate school counselor.

Dual Enrollment Courses & Programs

Midlakes Middle/High School participates in a dual enrollment program with Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC). Dual enrollment programs provide qualified high school students with an opportunity to earn optional college credit while in high school. If students elect to register for the college credit in a course, they must pay a fee. Students selecting one of these courses become a registered FLCC student and may request a college transcript at the end of the course. These credit hours are transferable to many colleges, and students are encouraged to check with schools where they are applying to see if these credits will be accepted.



Courses with Dual Credit opportunities are marked with this icon

Finger Lakes Community College – Gemini Program

<https://flcc.edu/highschool-homeschool/gemini/>

Cost (Subject to Change): \$7/credit hour registration fee; fee waiver available for those who qualify; school district pays the fees for all other students

Courses are listed by Midlakes course name. The FLCC course name is listed in parenthesis.

- Adv. Computer Applications; (CSC 105: Core Word, Excel, PowerPoint – 3 cr.)
- AP Biology; (BIO 121/122: General Biology I & II – 8 cr.)*
- AP Calculus AB; (MAT 271: Calculus I – 4 cr.)*
- AP English Language and Composition; (ENG 101: Composition I – 3 cr.)*
- AP English Lit. and Composition; (ENG 102: Introduction to Literature – 3 cr.)*
- AP US History; (HIS 110/111: Early & Modern US History – 6 cr.)
- Basic Weight Training; (HPE 117: Basic Weight Training – 1 cr.)
- College Study Strategies; (GST 116: College Study Strategies – 3 cr.)
- Eating for Fitness; (NS 115: Introduction to Nutrition – 3 cr.)
- Economics (Gemini); (ECO 100: Survey of Economics – 3 cr.)
- Environmental Science; (BIO 103: Environmental Science – 4 cr.)
- Fund. of Human Anatomy & Physiology; (BIO 110: Fund. of Anatomy & Physiology – 3 cr.)
- Health Education; (HPE 212: Health – 3 cr.)
- Introduction to Business; (BUS 120: Introduction to Business – 3 cr.)^
- Mathematics w/Comp. Prog in JAVA; (MAT 115: Intro to Programming – 3 cr.)*
- Personal Money Management; (BUS 131: Personal Money Management – 3 cr.)^
- Pre-Calculus; (MAT 152: Survey of Functions II (Pre-Calculus) – 3 cr.)*
- Probability and Statistics; (MAT 200: Statistics – 3 cr.)*
- Psychology; (PSY 100: Introduction to Psychology – 3 cr.)
- Sociology; (SOC 100: Introduction to Sociology – 3 cr.)
- Spanish IV; (SPN 201/202: Spanish III & IV – 6 cr.)
- U.S. Government – Comp. (Gemini); (POL 100: American Government– 3 cr.)

* *These courses have FLCC placement/prerequisite requirements. See course descriptions for additional details.*

^ *Tentative offering pending FLCC approval.*

Finger Lakes Community College – Early College Scholars Program

<https://www.flcc.edu/highschool-homeschool/early-college-scholars/>

This program is for students aged 16, and over. Courses are taken directly through FLCC (instead of through MHS as with the Gemini Program). Costs are significantly higher than with the Gemini program, but scholarships are available to assist with the cost (for up to seven credit hours per semester).

Advanced Placement (AP) Program

The Advanced Placement Program is a program of college-level courses and exams for high school students. Many colleges will give credit and/or advanced placement to students whose AP examination grades are considered acceptable (based on their published policies). Each college uses the AP program in a unique manner; some colleges participate in the program less fully or not at all. Students who are interested in the Advanced Placement Program are urged to learn the policies at colleges they are considering by visiting each college's website and/or by corresponding directly with appropriate officials there.

Midlakes offers Advanced Placement courses with the expectation, and hope, that students enrolled in each course will take the AP examination in May. There is a fee that College Board sets for the exams which is published each fall. Students will register for the exam, with assistance from each of their AP teachers, during the first few weeks of school in the AP classroom. Registration will then provide access to learning modules from the College Board. The school district is currently paying test registration fees, but students are required to pay a refundable \$40 per exam deposit. The deposit is returned upon exam completion. If a student does not complete an exam which they have ordered, then the deposit is forfeited. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch will receive a reduced exam fee. Methods of payment and deadlines will be released each fall.

Midlakes High School currently offers the following AP courses:

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP United States History
- AP World History: Modern

Information about specific AP courses can be found at the College Board website at <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>.