

SMHS Advanced Placement Course Prerequisites, 2026-2027

Directions: Students are required to submit the online course request (School website) to be considered for AP courses. Read through all information to 1) review course offerings and determine which courses you request, 2) determine whether or not you meet the prerequisites for the course, and 3) review and agree to the AP Policies and Agreement.

STEP 1: Review Course Offerings and Determine Which Courses You Will Request

Content Area	Course	Grade(s)	Prerequisite
CTE	AP Computer Science Principles	10-12	HS Algebra or Accelerated Algebra I/Geometry A <i>Minimum Grade of 80% (S1)</i> OR Intro to Software Technology - Minimum Grade of 85% (S1)
	AP Computer Science A	11-12	AP Pre-Calculus, Accelerated Geo B/Adv. Alg or Adv. Algebra <i>Minimum Grade of 80% (S1)</i> OR AP Computer Science Principles - Minimum Grade of 85%
English	AP Language	11	Lit/Comp II - Minimum Grade of 85% (S1) Or Gifted Lit/Comp II - Minimum Grade of 80% (S1)
	AP Literature	12	American Lit/Comp or AP Language/Comp - Minimum Grade of 80% (S1) OR <i>Successful completion of English Dual Enrollment Course</i>
	AP Seminar	10-12	Current English Course - Minimum Grade of 85% (S1) OR Current Gifted English Course - Minimum Grade of 80% (S1)
	AP Research	11-12	Successful Completion of AP Seminar
Fine Arts	AP Art History	10-12	<i>Minimum Grade of 80% in current English course (S1)</i>
	AP Music Theory	10-12	1 year of band, chorus, guitar or orchestra <i>Minimum Grade of 85% (S1)</i>
Math	AP Calculus	12	AP Precalculus <i>Math teacher recommends AB or BC</i>
	AP Precalculus	10-12	Successful completion of Acc. Geo B/Adv. Algebra or H/G Adv. Algebra or Adv. Algebra - Minimum grade of 85% OR Accelerated student wishing to double in math (e.g. take AP Stats concurrently with AP PreCalculus or AP Calculus) - Minimum grade of 85% in current course
	AP Statistics	10-12	Successful completion of Acc. Geo B/Adv. Algebra, H/G Adv. Algebra or AP Precalculus, Adv. Algebra, or Precalculus - Minimum grade of 85% OR Accelerated student wishing to double in math (e.g. take AP Stats concurrently with AP PreCalculus or AP Calculus) - Minimum grade of 85% in current course
Science	AP Biology	11-12	Biology and Chemistry <i>Minimum Grade of 80% in both and Developing Learner or higher on Biology EOC</i>
	AP Chemistry	11-12	Biology and Chemistry - Minimum Grade of 85% in both
	AP Environmental Science	9	HS Physical Science - Minimum Grade of 80%

		10-12	10th grade: Biology (> 80%) and concurrently enrolled in Chemistry 11 - 12: Biology (> 80%) and Chemistry (>80% if completed or concurrent)
	AP Physics I	11-12	Biology and Chemistry - <i>Minimum Grade of 85% in both</i> AND Algebra I and Geometry - <i>Minimum Grade of 85% in both</i>
	AP Physics 2	12	AP Physics 1 or Physics - <i>Minimum Grade of 80%</i>
	AP Physics C: Mechanics	12	AP Physics 1 or Physics - <i>Minimum Grade of 80%</i>
Social Studies	AP European History	11-12	AP World History or AP US History - <i>Minimum Grade of 80</i> OR World History/US History and Current English Class (S1) - <i>Minimum Grade of 85% in both</i>
	AP Government (one semester)	12	AP US History - <i>Minimum grade of 80%</i> OR US History - <i>Minimum Grade of 85%</i> Must also meet prerequisites for AP Macroeconomics
	AP Human Geography	9-10	Incoming 9th Grade: Gifted English - <i>Minimum grade of 80%</i> OR English - <i>Minimum grade of 85%</i> OR Rising 10th Grade: Lit/Comp I or Gifted Lit/Comp I - <i>Minimum Grade of 80%</i> (S1)
	AP Macroeconomics (one semester)	12	AP US History or US History and Adv. Algebra <i>Minimum Grade of 80% in all</i> Must also meet prerequisites for AP Government
	AP Psychology	11-12	AP World History or AP US History - <i>Minimum grade of 80%</i> OR World History or US History and Current English Class (S1) - <i>Minimum grade of 85% in both</i>
	AP US History	11	AP World History - <i>Minimum grade of 80%</i> OR World History and Current English Class - (S1) <i>Minimum grade of 85% in both</i>
	AP World History	10	Lit/Comp I - <i>Minimum Grade of 85% (S1)</i> OR Gifted Lit/Comp I - <i>Minimum Grade of 80% (S1)</i>
World Language	AP French	11-12	French IV or French III French teacher recommends level, teacher recommendation needed from French III
	AP Spanish	11-12	Spanish IV or Spanish III Spanish teacher recommends level, teacher recommendation needed from Spanish III

AP Potential

The College Board generates an AP Potential Report from PSAT Scores. Your counselor will use this report to advise you of courses in which you will be successful. You may have received an email in your FCBOE email account from Mrs. Meeks towards the end of January. Use this information to guide your selection process.

Review and Agree To AP Coursework Policies and Agreement

Advanced Placement courses offer college-level coursework in the high school setting, affording students the opportunity to receive college and high school credit simultaneously. If accepted into an AP course, both students and parent understand and agree to the following:

- I will complete all summer reading and assignments (if applicable).
- I will be enrolled in the yearlong course for two semesters; class changes will NOT be permitted.
- I may not transfer from an AP class to a regular education class.

- I will take the first semester exam.
- I am required to take the AP exam for each AP course in which I am enrolled and I assume all responsibility for payment for all AP exams (currently \$99 per exam).
- I understand that the grade I earn in an AP class will be averaged into my cumulative GPA and that a separate GPA will be calculated with an AP quality point added.
- I understand that once I accept an AP class qualification, I have signed a binding commitment.
- My acceptance into AP is based on successful completion of prerequisite courses. If I fail a prerequisite course in the second semester, my AP acceptance will be revoked.