



Innovation Academy

AP Night

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Yes! AP courses offer students the opportunity to dive deeper into their passion subjects and get ready for college level work.

Advanced Placement Courses

Most colleges and universities put out a list of courses and scores that they accept for college credit.

Take time to look at schools' lists that you are interested in attending.

Every school is different!

College Board Advanced Placement Exams

Subject	Course	Hours
African American Studies	AP Score: 4 or 5 = HTS 1XXX	3
Art History	AP Score: 4 or 5 ID 2242	3
Biology	AP Score: 4 or 5 = BIOS 1107 and BIOS 1107L	4
Mathematics - Calculus AB	AP Score: 4 or 5 = MATH 1551 ⁵	2
Mathematics - Calculus BC	AP Score: 4 or 5 = MATH 1551 & MATH 1552 ⁵	6
Chemistry - Effective Summer 2010	AP Score: 4 = CHEM 1211K	4



Physics C - Mechanics	3	PHYS 1111/L
	4	PHYS 1111/L
	5	PHYS 1111/L or PHYS 2211/L
Physics C - Electricity & Magnetism	3	PHYS 1112/L

How many APs should I take?

Take a look at the study put out by College Board on your handout!

- The “old rumor” was that colleges and universities would not even look at your application unless you had taken 10 AP classes
- They are now asking a few questions:
 1. Are you taking advantage of what your school offers in terms of courses and exploration?
 2. What are your passions and interests?
 3. Have you shown long term interest in an area of study and what did you do with it?

Look at the admissions website of the college and universities you are interested in

Choosing Courses

AP is for all students—but you should be ready.

You don't need to be top of your class to be an AP student, but you'll want to be prepared for the AP course you choose.

Some AP classes have recommended courses you should take first, and all AP courses ask that you come willing to do your best work.

College Board recommends taking AP courses in subject areas where students have a high interest. IA teachers recommend the same.

BIG ITEM TO CONSIDER: Student Workload

Self-Study

A student must be enrolled in an AP course to sit for an AP exam.

Due to space and proctor limitations, students must be enrolled either in a face-to-face AP course or enrolled in an FVS/GAVS virtual AP course.

Since we do not have a gymnasium, we cannot accommodate students who wish to self-study for an AP exam.

Big Question:

**“Where do you place your
value?”**

How the Process Works



Recommendations

Teachers recommend students for their next course based on numerous factors



Course Waivers

If a student is not recommended, they may meet with their current teacher to complete a waiver



Consider Rigor

Ensure during Course Verification you and your student add up Workload hours

Workload hours that go over 21 hours per week is a HUGE amount!

AP Course Sessions

Use the guides provided to find the sessions you want to attend.

Go to [Advanced Placement Classes - FCS Innovation Academy](#) for more resources
