

STARR'S MILL HIGH SCHOOL VISION NIGHT



7:30 ADVANCED PLACEMENT
CURRICULUM NIGHT AND REGISTRATION
INFORMATION
JANUARY 27, 2026

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WHAT IS ADVANCED PLACEMENT?



SPONSORED BY COLLEGE BOARD AND CREATED BY A
COLLABORATION BETWEEN COLLEGE PROFESSORS AND HIGH
SCHOOL TEACHERS

COLLEGE LEVEL COURSEWORK COMPLETED AT SMHS THAT
SATISFIES HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS
POSSIBLE COLLEGE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

BENEFITS

EXPOSURE TO RIGOROUS, COLLEGE-LEVEL CURRICULUM

OPPORTUNITY TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

ENHANCED COLLEGE ATTRACTIVENESS

COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS

COMPETITIVE EDGE FOR SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS



AP CLASSES VS. DUAL
ENROLLMENT CLASSES

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

FINAL GRADE INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL
QUALITY POINT FOR G.P.A. FORMULA

EASIER ACCESSIBILITY TO THE
INSTRUCTOR

CALENDAR IS THE SAME AS FAYETTE
COUNTY

POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS
ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO EXPLORE ALL
"ON-CAMPUS OPTIONS"

COLLEGE CREDIT IS BASED ON EXAM
SCORE AND DIFFERS BY INSTITUTION

YEAR-LONG
COURSES

DUAL ENROLLMENT (REQUIRES 3.0)

NO IMPACT ON COLLEGE HOPE HOURS

COST FOR LAB CLASSES

USES LETTER GRADING (A=95, B=85,
C=75, D=70, W=69)

CLASS RANK IMPACTED DUE TO GRADE
MAXIMUM

STUDENT MUST PROVIDE
TRANSPORTATION

CALENDAR IS DIFFERENT FROM FAYETTE
COUNTY

SEMESTER-LONG
COURSES



ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

STANDARDIZED EXAM WRITTEN BY COLLEGE BOARD GIVEN AT END OF
COURSE IN MAY

SERVES AS THE FINAL EXAM FOR SPRING SEMESTER; HOWEVER, THERE
MAY ALSO BE AN EOC

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE EXAM AND PAY EXAM FEES
(CURRENTLY \$99 PER EXAM)

CURRENT YEAR- ONE STEM EXAM FREE

AP TESTS ARE GRADED ON A SCALE OF 1-5
SCORE OF 3, 4, OR 5 SIGNIFIES THAT THE STUDENT IS QUALIFIED TO
RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDIT (CHECK WITH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS FOR
SPECIFICS)



ELIGIBLE CLASSES ARE LISTED UNDER THE "NEXT YEAR QUALIFICATIONS" TAB
IN INFINITE CAMPUS, AVAILABLE ON JANUARY 16

REVIEW THE COURSE EXPECTATIONS

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION IN ACADEMIC PLANNER FOR CORE CLASSES.
STUDENT REGISTERS FOR ELECTIVE CLASSES

DISCUSS WITH COUNSELOR DURING ADVISEMENT SESSIONS

****PLEASE NOTE: AP CONTRACTS THIS YEAR WILL BE HANDLED
DIFFERENTLY - PARENTS/STUDENTS WILL SIGN AP ACCEPTANCE AND
AGREEMENT FORM WHEN FORMS GO OUT MARCH 16. THIS WILL BE
COMPLETED AFTER SUBMITTING ACADEMIC PLANNER INFORMATION AND
AFTER MEETING WITH COUNSELOR.



AP COURSES AT
STARR'S MILL

CAPSTONE - 2 COURSES
(RESEARCH & SEMINAR)
ART HISTORY
MUSIC THEORY
ENGLISH LANGUAGE &
COMPOSITION
ENGLISH LITERATURE &
COMPOSITION
EUROPEAN HISTORY
HUMAN GEOGRAPHY**
MACROECONOMICS (1 SEM)
PSYCHOLOGY
US GOV. AND POLITICS (1 SEM)
US HISTORY
MODERN WORLD HISTORY

CALCULUS AB
CALCULUS BC
PRECALCULUS
STATISTICS
CHEMISTRY
COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES
COMPUTER SCIENCE A
BIOLOGY
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**
PHYSICS 1
PHYSICS 2
PHYSICS C: MECHANICS
FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

AS YOU SPEAK WITH SPECIFIC AP COURSE TEACHERS YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN, ASK THOSE TEACHERS WHAT THEIR EXPECTATIONS ARE (IN TERMS OF TIME) FOR SUMMER WORK, HW/REVIEW/READING/STUDYING EVERY NIGHT, ETC.

CREATE A "MOCK" AFTERNOON/EVENING SCHEDULE FOR YOURSELF BASED ON WHAT THOSE TEACHERS SAY.

SO, IF YOU SEE 5 AP TEACHERS BECAUSE YOU WANT TO TAKE 5 AP COURSES...AND EACH TEACHER SAYS THEY EXPECT AN HOUR OF WORK/READING EVERY NIGHT...

WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE AND HOW DOES IT FIT INTO WHAT YOU ARE ALREADY DOING?



REVIEW ELIGIBLE COURSES

The image shows a mobile application interface with a navigation menu on the left and a list of AP courses on the right. The navigation menu includes options like Message Center, Today, Calendar, Assignments, Grades, Grade Book Updates, Attendance, Schedule, Academic Plan, Fees, Documents, and More. The 'More' option is highlighted with a blue arrow. The 'More' screen displays a list of categories: Address Information, Assessments, Family Information, Important Dates, Transportation, Cafeteria, GTID, and Next Yr Qualifications. The 'Next Yr Qualifications' option is highlighted with a blue arrow. The 'Next Yr Qualifications' screen shows a grid of AP courses with dropdown menus for selection. The courses listed include AP Lit/Comp, AP Seminar ELA, AP Chemistry, AP Physics 1, AP Physics C: Mechanics, AP Seminar Life Sci, AP Calculus BC, AP European History, AP Human Geography, AP Psychology, AP World History, AP Research ELA, AP Biology, AP Environmental Sci, AP Physics 2, AP Calculus AB, AP Statistics, AP Government, AP Macroeconomics, AP US History, and AP 2D Design. The 'AP Human Geography' course is highlighted with a blue arrow.



AP INFORMATION ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

SMHS WEBSITE ☒ COUNSELING ☒ ADVANCED PLACEMENT

- LIST OF SMHS AP COURSES AND REQUIREMENTS
- SUMMER WORK (AVAILABLE MAY 26)
- THIS PRESENTATION



NEXT STEPS FOR AP
REGISTRATION

ONCE APPROVED FOR A 2026-2027 AP COURSE AND THE AP CONTRACT IS SIGNED AND RETURNED IN MARCH.

STUDENTS MAY ADD OR DROP AP COURSES UNTIL JUNE 1, 2026. AFTER THAT DAY, NO AP COURSES WILL BE ADDED OR REMOVED FROM STUDENT SCHEDULES FOR ANY REASON.

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ALL SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS FOR THEIR ENROLLED COURSE(S) PRIOR TO RETURNING FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE COURSE BUT WILL IMPACT THE STUDENT'S GRADE.



WHAT WILL REGISTRATION
LOOK LIKE THIS SPRING?

MATH/ENGLISH/SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS SUBMITTED NEXT YEAR'S
RECOMMENDATIONS INTO THE ACADEMIC PLANNERS LAST WEEK

JANUARY 29, 2026 IN 4TH PERIOD CLASSES - STUDENTS WILL VIEW THE 2026-27
REGISTRATION PRESENTATION TO ASSIST WITH REGISTERING FOR
ELECTIVES/ALTERNATES.

UPCOMING 10TH GRADERS - FEB. 9-11

UPCOMING 11TH GRADERS - FEB. 23-25

UPCOMING 12TH GRADERS - MARCH 2-4

UPCOMING 9TH GRADERS - MARCH 5-6 (THROUGH CONNECTIONS)



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE
AND ATTENTION THIS EVENING!

