

# Advanced Placement (AP)/Dual Credit Night



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# Tonight's Agenda

- **6:00PM** - Introduction to CHS's AP Program
- Q & A Panel of AP Teachers and Students
- **6:50PM** - 10 Minute Break
- **7:00PM** - Introduction to CHS's Dual Credit Program
- Dual Credit Presentation by Rodrigo Lopez from ECC



# What is Advanced Placement?

- Advanced Placement (AP) are college level courses offered in high school.
- AP courses are intended to mirror the curriculum that would be covered in a first year college course in the same subject.
- Students have the opportunity to take the AP exam at the end of the course which measures their mastery of college level work.
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP exam typically earns students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.



# AP Learning Experience

- AP courses challenges students to work and participate at a higher level.
- Allows opportunities to explore topics in depth
- More out of classroom commitment is required to complete assignments and projects.
- High expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evidence, multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communication.



# AP Courses at CHS

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- AP German
- AP Spanish
- AP Psychology
- AP Human Geography
- AP US History
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Studio Art: 2D Design
- AP Studio Art: 3D Design
- AP Drawing
- AP Statistics
- AP Computer Science A



# WHO Takes AP Courses?

- Traditionally, students who have been on an Honors/Accelerated ‘track’ earlier in their academic career would advance on to AP courses.
- However, there has been a national movement to encourage more and more students to challenge themselves with the rigor of an AP course.
- We utilize the AP potential report which is based off of students who have taken the PSAT/SAT to encourage students to take an AP course.
- Students who want to get a ‘jump start’ on college should take AP courses which may earn a student college credit and allow the student to bypass material they have already mastered in high school.
- Students who want to be accepted into highly selective universities.



# WHEN Do Students Take AP Courses?

- CHS offers 1 AP course to Freshmen and 1 AP course to Sophomores.
- As students become Juniors and Seniors, students have more options of AP courses to choose from.
- A student generally tends to take an AP course after taking certain prerequisite courses, earning a particular grade in a class or by teacher recommendation.
  - *Example:* A student typically will take Spanish 1-4 before they take AP Spanish



# What Does the Workload Look Like for AP?

<b>Advanced Placement Course</b>	<b>Out of Class Time Commitment (estimated)</b>
AP Spanish Language & Culture	20-30 minutes on average
AP Calculus BC	30-60 minutes on average
AP Computer Science	30-45 minutes on average
AP Calculus AB	30-45 minutes on average
AP Psychology	60 minutes on average
AP English Literature	30 minutes on average
AP 2D/3D/Drawing	**See teacher - these courses are portfolio based
AP Statistics	30-60 minutes on average
AP Biology	60 minutes on average
AP US History	30-45 minutes on average
AP Human Geography	45 minutes on average
AP English Language	30-60 minutes on average
AP German	20-30 minutes on average
AP US Government	20-30 minutes on average (only 1 semester)
AP Physics I	45 - 60 minutes on average
AP Environmental Science	30 - 45 minutes on average
AP Chemistry	1 hour outside of class (when homework is assigned)





# WHO takes the AP exam?

- We encourage ALL students who are taking an AP course to take the AP exam



# WHEN do students take the AP exam?

- AP exams are administered during the first two weeks of May, with set dates and times for when each AP exam is to be given (during the school day).



# WHY should a student take AP courses and exams?

- Opportunity to earn college credit
- Skip introductory courses
- Acceptance into college and awarding of scholarship money is as much based on the rigor of the student's coursework as their GPA.
- Students benefit from challenging themselves with harder classes.
- All AP courses at CHS are weighted to count more heavily in the calculation of GPA and allows the student to potentially earn higher than a 4.0 GPA



# How are AP exams scored?

- AP exams are scored on a 5 to 1 basis, with the score indicating the level of college preparedness the student has displayed on the exam. The scale is as follows:
  - 5 Extremely Well Qualified
  - 4 Well Qualified
  - 3 Qualified
  - 2 Possibly Qualified
  - 1 No Recommendation

# How does my student sign-up to take the AP exam?

- For the 2020 AP Exams, the ordering deadline is **November 1st**
- Payments are made through the Parent Portal in Skyward
- The cost per AP exam is \$94.00

# Example of AP Credit given at Illinois State University

<b>English</b>			
AP English Language & Composition	3, 4, or 5	ENG 101	3
AP English Literature & Composition	3	elective credit	3
	4 or 5	ENG 125	3
<b>History &amp; Social Sciences</b>			
AP Comparative Government & Politics	3, 4, or 5	POL 140	3
AP European History	3	Humanities Gen Ed elective	3
	4 or 5	HIS 101 and 102	6
AP Human Geography	3	elective credit	3
	4 or 5	GEO 142	3
AP Macroeconomics	3, 4, or 5	elective credit	3
AP Microeconomics	3, 4, or 5	elective credit	3
AP Macro and AP Microeconomics	3, 4, or 5	ECO 105	4
AP Psychology	3	Social Science Gen Ed elective	3
	4 or 5	PSY 110	3

AP Computer Science A	3, 4, or 5	IT 168	4
AP Computer Science Principles	3, 4, or 5	IT 140	3
AP Environmental Science	3, 4, or 5	HSC 156	3
AP Physics 1	3, 4, or 5	PHY 108	5
AP Physics 2	3, 4, or 5	PHY 109	5
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	3, 4, or 5	PHY 111	4
AP Physics C: Mechanics	3, 4, or 5	PHY 110	4
AP Statistics	3, 4, or 5	MQM 100	3
<b>World Languages &amp; Cultures</b>			
AP Chinese Language and Culture	3	Chinese 112	4
	4 or 5	Chinese 112, 115	8
AP French Language and Culture	3	French 112	4
	4	French 112, 115	8
	5	French 115, 116	8

# Additional Resource

Website:

[apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies](https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies)

## AP Credit Policy Search

Find colleges that offer credit or placement for AP scores. For the most up-to-date AP credit policy information, check the institution's website.

Search by Course

Accepted AP Course

--Select Course--



Find Your College



# Central High School

## AP Teacher/Student Panel

**AJ Piehl**

Math Department Chair, AP Calculus BC Teacher

**Kevin Pierce**

AP Chemistry Teacher

**Zandra McGuire**

AP US Government

**Kelli Stoner**

AP Physics Teacher

**Matt Groom**

AP English Literature

**Charlie Karner**

AP Student





**What skills are necessary for a student to be successful in an AP course?**



**How do AP students balance the workload  
of an AP class with extracurricular  
activities or work?**



**How many AP classes is too many?**



**My child was not recommended for AP but feels ready to take on an AP class. What steps should my child take?**



# ECC Dual Credit Program

## What is Dual Credit?

Courses that have been reviewed by District 301 and approved to provide both high school and college credit.

Students take college courses at ECC's Elgin campus and earn both high school and college credit. Credit is earned while in high school.



# ECC Dual Credit Program

**Please Welcome**

Assistant Dean of School Partnerships, Rodrigo Lopez



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