

Advanced Placement (AP)/Dual Credit Night



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WHAT IS ADVANCED PLACEMENT?

- Advanced Placement (AP) gives academically prepared students a chance to experience college-level classes in high school
- Grades given in AP courses are weighted
- Opens the door to earning college credit before starting college
- Allows students to dig deeper into subjects they love while building skills and confidence needed to succeed in college
- Students have the opportunity to take the AP exam at the end of the course in May
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP exam typically earns students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college

Grade	Unweighted Courses	Weighted Courses
A	4	5
B	3	4
C	2	3
D	1	1
F	0	0



A HEAD START IN HIGH SCHOOL

Research consistently shows that AP students are better prepared for college than students who don't take AP courses. They're more likely to enroll and stay in college, do well in their classes, and graduate in four years. Taking AP courses can help your child:

Get a Taste of College

Get familiar with college-level work—and boost your child's confidence by tackling it.

Develop College Skills

Time management, organization, critical thinking, scholarly writing—AP courses help your child hone the skills they'll need in college and career.

Discover Their Passion

Studying a subject in depth could give your child new insights and even put them on the path to a career.

Source: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/what-is-ap>

College Admissions

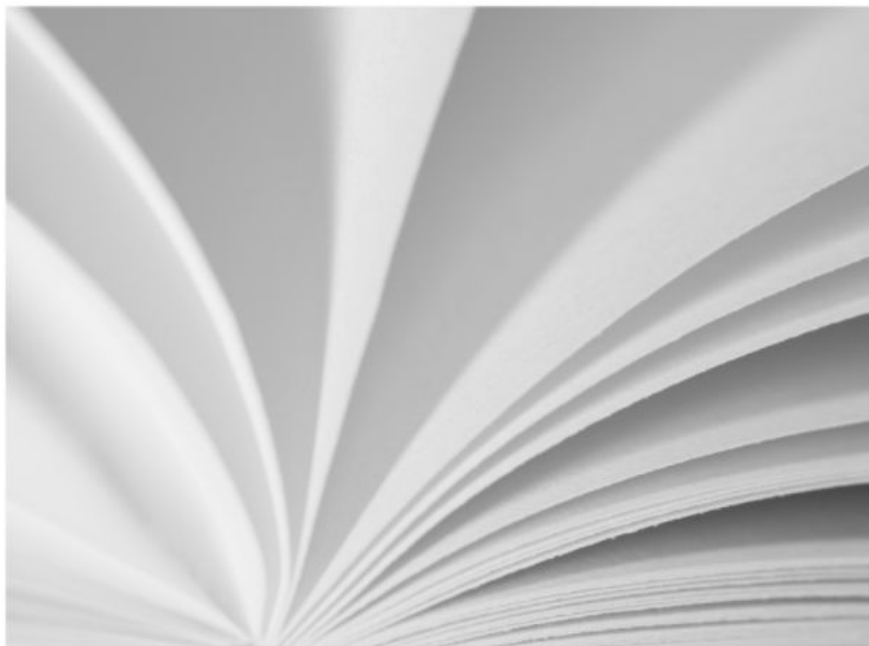
Rigor is a significant factor in college admissions consideration

Appropriate challenge

Taking advantage of the curriculum offered

Alignment of academic interests with prospective major

In some cases, evidence of subject-level mastery





TAKING AN AP COURSE

- In general, any student in grades 11–12 who is academically ready should consider taking AP. If your child has taken or will take the [PSAT 10](#), or [SAT](#), the AP Potential section of their online score report will indicate which AP courses your child is likely to do well in based on how they performed on the test.
- Students can also get AP course recommendations from their teachers and school counselors.
- Sometimes, a student is ready to take AP in 10th grade. If your child took the [PSAT 8/9](#) in eighth or ninth grade, their score report will let you know if they show the potential to do well in AP Human Geography or AP US History.

Source:

<https://parents.collegeboard.org/college-board-programs/advanced-placement-program>



HOW MANY AP COURSES IS ENOUGH?

- There's no magic number of AP courses that's right for all students. Every student is unique, and the amount of college-level coursework they're ready to take on varies.
- Your child should talk to their teachers and school counselors to help them decide how many AP courses to take. They have keen insight into your child's readiness to tackle academic challenges and how much effort AP courses require.
- Keep in mind: More is not always better. AP courses ask high school students to do college-level work, so if your child takes too many, they may feel overwhelmed. It's better to take fewer AP courses and do well in them than take more AP courses and perform poorly.

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WHAT DOES THE WORKLOAD LOOK LIKE?

Advanced Placement Course	Out of Class Time Commitment (estimated)
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)



AP Course Offerings at CHS

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

4040/4041 AP English Literature & Composition Weighted grade **Year** **1.0 Credit**

Prerequisites: 11th grade and Honors English 2 or instructor approval

Combines English Literature and expository writing. Emphasis is on analysis and interpretation of individual literary works. Stresses the process of writing essays. This course is required for AP English Language & Composition. **This course requires summer work. *NCAA approved course**

5100/5101 AP Calculus AB Weighted Grade **Year** **1.0 Credit**

Prerequisites: 11th - 12th grade and earn an 85% or higher in Pre-Calculus

This course yields a weighted grade. Following the College Board's suggested curriculum, this course is designed to parallel college-level calculus courses. AP Calculus AB provides students with an intuitive understanding of concepts of calculus and experience with its methods and applications. Topics in this course include the following and are presented in a time frame that will allow the students to take the AP exam in early May: limits, continuity, differential and integral calculus and their applications. ***NCAA approved course**

8070/8071 AP Psychology Weighted Grade **Year** **1.0 Credit**

Prerequisites: 11th - 12th grade and a B or better in both semesters of United States History or C or better in AP US History

The purpose of the course is to introduce the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Included will be a study of the major subfields of psychology: Body and Behavior, Altered States of Consciousness, Sensation and Perception, Learning, Memory, Thinking, Motivation, Personality, and Psychological Disorders. Students also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice. ***NCAA approved course**



TAKING THE AP EXAM

- While it is not required, all students are encouraged to 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.
- Click [here](#) to see the 2022 Exam Dates
- When your child takes an AP Exam in May, college faculty and experienced AP teachers review your child's responses and give the exam a score of 1–5, 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



SENDING AP EXAM SCORES

- AP Exam scores are available in July. Students send AP scores to a college through their College Board account. Students have until the June 20, 2022 deadline to use their free score send online. If students decide to wait, they can [send their scores online](#) for a \$15 fee.
- When students designate a college/university to receive scores, they'll receive their entire score report from all AP Exams taken throughout high school unless the student has requested scores be withheld or canceled. After receiving your child's scores, the college should notify them about any credit, advanced placement, and/or course exemptions they have earned.
- When making admission decisions, colleges consider many more factors than just exam scores, including the strength of the coursework and GPA in rigorous courses. By enrolling in AP courses students demonstrate that they are interested in learning at a college level.
- More than 75% of admission officers College Board surveyed stated that a low score on an AP Exam would **not** harm an applicant's admission prospects.

Source: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/sending-scores>



GETTING CREDIT AND PLACEMENT

Credit and advanced placement are different things.

- Students can earn either or both, depending on the college's policies.

Colleges set their own policies.

- Nearly all U.S. colleges and universities and many international institutions honor AP scores. Your child will get credit at many colleges and universities for AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Most have a written policy spelling out how they award credit and advanced placement.
[Explore AP credit policies.](#)

You may need to follow up.

- If students have questions about the status of their AP credit or placement, they must contact their college directly.

Source: <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement>

AP CREDIT POLICY SEARCH


apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies

AP Credit Policy Search

Your AP scores could earn you college credit or advanced placement (meaning you could skip certain courses in college). Use this tool to find colleges that offer credit or placement for AP scores.

Search by Course

Accepted AP Course

--Select Course-- 

Find Your College

Example of AP Credit given at Illinois State University

English			
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
History & Social Sciences			
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
World Languages & Cultures			
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



College Outcomes

- AP students, including those with scores of 1 or 2, are more likely to enroll in a four-year college compared to academically similar students who did not take AP in high school.
- AP students who average scores of 1 or 2 on their AP Exam are 16 and 19 percentage points, respectively, more likely to enroll in a 4-year college than academically similar peers who did not take AP.
- Students who earn AP scores of 2 or higher have also shown they are better prepared to succeed in introductory college coursework, compared to academically similar college peers who did not take the AP course.



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WHAT IS IT LIKE IN AN AP CLASSROOM?

- What can a student expect in an AP class?
- What strategies help your students succeed in AP?
- What advice do you have for parents of those students?
- What types of students have taken your AP class?