

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

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The FCHS/AHSFA ADVANTAGE

ADVANCED PLACEMENT:

PROVEN
RECORD OF
HELPING
STUDENTS
SUCCEED
ACADEMICALLY
AT BOTH HIGH
SCHOOL & POST
SECONDARY

What is Advanced Placement?

Advanced Placement (AP), is an internationally recognized enrichment program that offers acceleration and challenge to motivated and gifted students. It prepares students for the transition from high school to university and beyond.

This enriched academic program is designed to provide high achieving students with post-secondary level courses in a high school setting. Students who complete AP courses demonstrate mastery of the subject material by writing internationally recognized examinations prepared and graded by the College board.

Successful completion of Advanced Placement exams permits students to obtain credit in first year university courses at many college and universities around the world. AP courses and exam grades are used in the admission process in more than 3000 universities and colleges in 115 different countries.

AP QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Provides enrichment and challenges for academically talented and well motivated students.
- Helps students develop and practice higher order thinking skills.
- Provides opportunities for in-depth study in selected subjects.
- Eases the transition from high school to post-secondary studies
- Provides an opportunity to earn university credits, standing and/or placement while in high school

WHO SHOULD TAKE AP COURSES?

Generally, a grade of 80% in a prerequisite course and teacher recommendation is required for students who wish to take an AP course. However, students not possessing a grade of 80% are encouraged to apply and may be accepted depending on the strength of their application and teacher recommendation.

To be successful a student must:

- * Enjoy a challenge
- * be motivated to achieve
- * have strong work ethic.
- * be self-disciplined
- * passionate about learning
- * have parental support



WHAT ARE THE COSTS FOR AP?

- AP students will be provided with all the necessary materials required to complete coursework.
- In some courses, students may wish to purchase their own textbooks in order to build their own personal library of materials.
- AP students are responsible for ALL examination costs.



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History of AP & AP Examination



History of Advanced Placement

In the early 1950's colleges and universities found that many of their students were experiencing difficulty successfully completing university level courses. Even though these students had the academic ability to get into university, they were not doing well once they were there.

As a result there was a study done among universities like Harvard, Princeton and Yale, along with several high schools, as to the necessary requirements for student success in university. They concluded that a set of Advanced Courses and achievement exams were needed.

These academic opportunities would provide students with a greater chance for success in their future education and allow post-secondary institutions to give these enterprising students Advanced Placement and/or credit.

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AP EXAMINATION

Taking AP exams will give students a clear understanding of what they need to succeed on a post secondary level exam. Course work will be evaluated by college and university professors and trained teachers. These educators come from all around the world to meet together and mark the exams using college level standards.

AP exams are written in grades 11 and 12. The three hour exams are based on the subject matter outlined in the AP Course Description. These booklets can be downloaded free of charge from: www.collegeboard.com/apstudents. AP Exams contain multiple choice questions and free-response section. Transcripts of AP Exam grades will be sent to the students, and any universities they have chosen (in July).

AP GRADING SCALE

The AP exams are **graded on a scale of 1-5** as indicated below:

Extremely Well Qualified	5
Well Qualified	4
Qualified	3
Possibly Qualified	2
No Recommendation	1

PLEASE NOTE

Students will receive the mark they would have in the regular stream. There will be increased rigor, but **NO MARK DISADVANTAGE** to AP enrolment.