

Characteristics of an AP Student:

- Motivated & dedicated to school work
- Committed to homework and a lot of extra reading and research
- Responsible: able to multitask, to prioritize activities, to make deadlines
- Prepared and organized
- Beyond proficient in reading and writing

Advantages for High School Students:

- Receive college credit for introductory courses in various subject areas
- Skip introductory college courses
- Reduce college cost
- Complete college in a shorter period of time
- Build a strong foundation for college success
- Improve study habits and learn how to meet college expectations before getting there
- Study in greater depth, breadth, and complexity
- Improve chances of attending college of choice with an impressive transcript
- Receive intellectual stimulation and challenge
- Interact with other motivated students
- Increase self confidence and aptitude levels
- Broadened horizons
- Eligible for AP Scholar Award(s)

Criteria for Student Participation

- Gifted identification is not required.
- Commitment and hard work are absolutely necessary.
- See a school counselor for more information about each individual high school's AP program

- The College Board has identified coursework (aligned with the AP Program) that provides the appropriate foundation for specific AP courses.

Parent Benefits:

- Children graduate from college in a shorter period of time.
- AP helps to develop the study skills and self-discipline children need for university-level success.
- AP exams are paid for by the district.
- College tuition costs decrease with earned AP course credits.

Parent Information:

- SSCO Parent Workshops (785-1163)
- CPS website
www.columbus.k12.oh.us
- College Board website
www.apcentral.collegeboard.com
- School Fairs



- P. A. C. E. (monthly meetings)

AP Courses Currently Offered in Columbus Public Schools (options vary at each high school):

Art History
Biology
Calculus AB & BC
Chemistry
English Language & Composition
English Literature & Composition
Environmental Science
European History
French Language
Music Theory
Physics
Spanish Language
Studio Art
U.S. Government & Politics
U.S. History



What is AP?

The Advanced Placement Program (AP®) is nationally recognized for introducing students to the challenges of college-level work while they are still in high school. AP gives students an opportunity to earn credit, advanced placement, or both for college.

Concerns of Potential AP Students:

"I'm not sure how well I would do in an AP course or on an AP exam. What if I don't do well on the AP Exam?"

You risk nothing by taking the AP Exam since you determine which colleges, if any, will receive your grade. Like any other class, if you work hard in the course, you will learn a lot about the subject and yourself as a student. The benefits of the AP experience far outweigh any challenges.

"Why do all that work when I can take an easier course and get a better grade?"
AP courses are weighted on a five point scale so taking the chance on AP does not hurt one's GPA if you pass the course. If you plan to attend college, you have to take rigorous courses. College admissions officers look at the difficulty of courses more than they look at GPAs.

AP Exam Grades:

Each college decides which AP exam grades it will accept for credit and/or advanced placement. Many institutions accept grades of 3 and above. Over 90% of the colleges and universities in the United States and Canada take part in the AP Program. The vast majority of more than 3,000 colleges and

universities that receive AP grades grant credit and/or advanced placement.

CPS Alumni Testimonials:

"The work ethic formed in AP classes prepares you for the rigorous work in college. The AP Program is great for college preparation and should be available for all students."

Brandon Hudson, Duke University

"The knowledge I gained from AP makes me the resident 'expert' in my dorm. Other students come to me for help."

Kenneth Brown, Case Western

"I was able to test out of more than a year of introductory courses at OSU. I could enroll in upper level courses as a freshman and take courses that proved to be more challenging and intellectually stimulating."

John Kent Hansan, The Ohio State University

"I can honestly say that if I had taken only standard classes at my high school, I would be unable to perform at a challenging university. Because the AP courses so successfully prepared me, I am ready for any academic challenge that comes my way."

Lynn Fairchild, Case Western



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