

# Advanced Placement Courses

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are core academic courses and follow a prescribed curriculum and culminate in a standardized examination prepared and evaluated by the College Board. Students taking the AP courses are encouraged to take the AP exam. Any student taking one or more College Board AP exams will be assessed the current testing fees. AP exams are graded on a scale of 1 to 5 with 3 being considered a passing score. Some colleges and universities award credits and/or advanced standing for successful completion of AP courses. Those decisions rest entirely with the college or university.

AP courses are designed for students who are academically ready for challenging college-level courses above honors curriculum. A student must have a B average or better and must have a record of success in the academic discipline to be eligible for AP courses. Students must be reviewed and approved by the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Guidance Counselor, and content-area teacher in order to take A.P. courses. The team will consider the student's motivation, self-discipline, and attendance record, among other factors. The school reserves the right to remove any student from an AP course when it believes it to be in the best interest of the student or the class.