



An Introduction to the Advanced Placement Program®

Egg Harbor Township High School

What We'll Cover

- What are Advanced Placement® Courses?
- The Benefits
- AP® Exams
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What Are Advanced Placement[®] Courses?

Advanced Placement[®] : The Basics

- AP[®] courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students take **AP Exams** at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college

Our AP[®] Courses

- **AP Capstone:** AP Seminar, AP Research
- **Arts:** Art History, Music Theory, Studio Art (Drawing Portfolio, 2-D Design Portfolio, 3-D Design Portfolio)
- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** European History, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Statistics
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics
- **World languages:** French Language and Culture, German Language and Culture, Latin, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture

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AP Policies & Guidelines

- Grades 10-12
- Teacher Recommendation **REQUIRED**
 - In some cases, prerequisite courses are required as well
- Students enrolled in AP courses are **REQUIRED** to pay for and take the exam
- Students may only take AP Exams that correspond to the courses in which they are enrolled
- Payment & Registration for AP 2020 will be due in October 2019
- Students who wish to leave an AP class must do so by October 1st

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- **1,083 Exams in 2019**
 - 1,053 Exams in 2018
 - 939 Exams in 2017
- **456 AP Students in 2019**
 - 457 AP Students in 2018
 - 439 AP Students in 2017

AP Scholars Program

- **58 AP Scholars from 2018**
 - 18 Scholars, 18 Scholars w/Honors, 21 Scholars w/Distinction, 1 National Scholar

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AP Scholars Program

AP Scholar: Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

AP Scholar w/Honors: Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

AP Scholar w/Distinction: Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

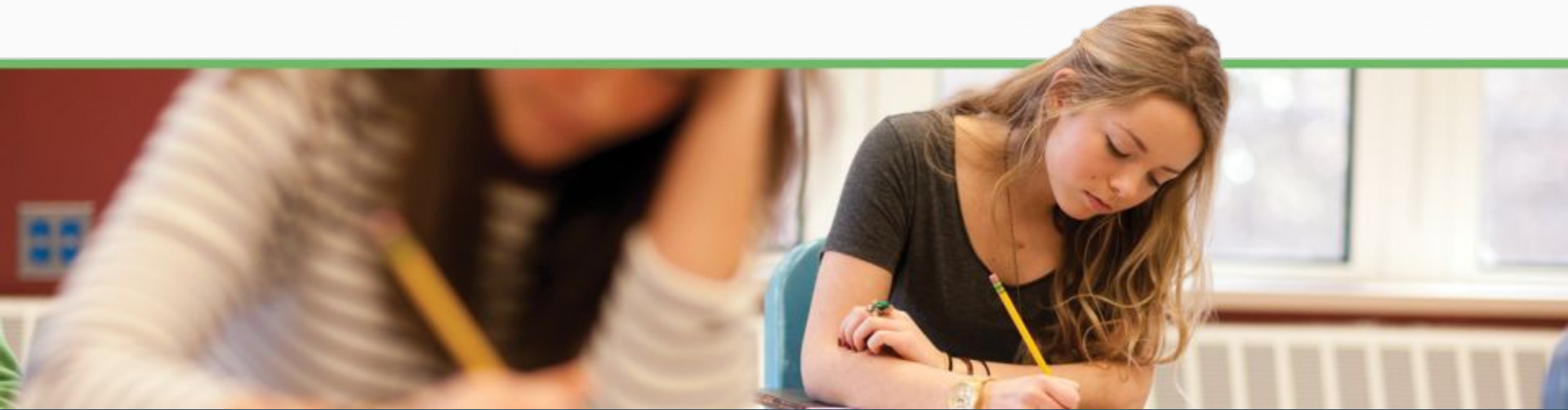
National AP Scholar: Granted to students in the United States who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

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AP[®]: The Benefits

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- Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills
- Taking AP is valued in the college admission process
- AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences
- Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college



AP[®] from the College Admissions Perspective

- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions*
- Colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admission decision
- AP courses tell college admission officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for the rigors they'll encounter in their college careers

• **Unpublished institutional research, Crux Research Inc., March 2007*

AP[®]: Skills & Advantages that Last a Lifetime

- Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success
- Nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically earn higher grade point averages in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers*

**2009, The College Board, "The Relationship Between AP Exam Performance and College Outcomes"*

AP[®] Helps Students Graduate on Time & Save Money

- Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a college degree on time.* Graduating in four years represents a significant savings on the cost of college.
- Only 1 in 4 college students completes a bachelor's degree in 4 years.
- The average cost of college for a single year is \$23,410** for in-state schools (tuition, fees, room/board, misc. expenses).

*College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences, *The College Board, 2008*

***The College Board, Trends in College Pricing 2014, Figure 1*

AP[®]: A More Engaging Learning Experience

AP courses challenge students to work and participate at a higher level:

- Opportunities to explore topics in depth
- More time in and out of the classroom required to complete assignments and projects
- High expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evidence, multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications

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AP[®] Exams

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AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

- Exams are typically 2–3 hours and include:
 - Multiple-choice questions
 - Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response



AP[®] Exam Fees

- The exam fee for 2019 is \$94 per exam
- EHT AP Price is \$64 per exam

Fee Reductions

- If you have applied for Free/Reduced lunch and were approved, you are eligible for a fee waiver
 - Must submit lunch application by September 30th

Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.



- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy

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What is it like to take AP[®]?

AP[®] Myths & Realities

Myth	Reality
AP courses are for students who always get good grades.	AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.
AP courses are too stressful.	It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the work load.
I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.	You don't need to score a 5. Many colleges grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.
Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.	Taking AP courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically. EHT adds 20% weighting to all AP courses in the cumulative GPA.
I can't take AP because no one has recommended me.	If you think you're ready to take an AP course, then you're ready to advocate for yourself — just talk to a teacher or counselor.

AP[®]: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT[®] results: My College QuickStart[™]
www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities:
www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy

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Questions and Answers