



AP CAPSTONE

MYRTLE BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

- Establish MBHS as a preeminent research institution on the secondary level
- Provide our students with an opportunity to be internationally competitive
- Encourage students to explore gifted and talented options at their base school

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SKILLS TAUGHT

- The research process
- Finding and evaluating sources
- Argumentative writing
- College-level statistical analysis and development
- Proactive, self-guided inquiry
- Global awareness

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Myrtle Beach High School is the first school in Horry County and the first school east of I-95 to receive this honor. Students complete two courses, AP Seminar and AP Research, in addition to getting a (3) or higher on four or more AP Exams. After meeting all of these requirements, students are given an AP Capstone Diploma, which is an internationally recognized diploma from the College Board and the Board's highest honor.

CORE COURSES AND DESCRIPTIONS

AP SEMINAR

- First in the sequence
- Is an interdisciplinary look at conflict
- Teaches students argumentation, critical thinking, and analysis of contending perspectives
- Likely 9th grade year course

AP RESEARCH

- Year long course where students complete a high school dissertation
- Any topic of student's choosing is allowed, pending instructor approval
- Culminating exam is an oral defense, by a panel of the teacher and two experts in the field

EXPERT MENTORSHIP

- To assist students in their research, Myrtle Beach High Schools has forged partnerships with 75 different leading experts in their fields
- Nearly every college major is aligned with an expert
- Experts will provide monthly virtual sit downs with researching students and will provide virtual lectures to AP Seminar and AP Research
- Experts may also be consulted to assist student with their dissertation defense
- For the list of experts, please see Alyssa Leibman
- Suggestions for partnerships/experts are welcome!

INTERDISCIPLINARY FOCUS

- AP Capstone requires that student pass four or more AP exams, in addition to AP Seminar/Research; however, the student can choose ANY AP coursework to earn the diploma
- We currently offer over (10) AP courses, which range from Music Theory to Spanish, allowing students to chart their own educational path