

Advanced Placement Program

Why Choose AP?

Are you ready for a unique learning experience that will help you succeed in college? Through AP's college-level courses and exams, you can earn college credit and advanced placement, stand out in the admission process, and learn from some of the most skilled, dedicated, and inspiring teachers in the world.

A Different Kind of Class

From the moment you enter an AP classroom, you'll notice the difference—in the teacher's approach to the subject, in the attitude of your classmates, in the way you start to think. In AP classrooms, the focus is not on memorizing facts and figures. Instead you'll engage in intense discussions, solve problems collaboratively, and learn to write clearly and persuasively.

Find Your Passion

With many AP Courses to choose from in BCSD, you'll be able to explore your interests and discover new passions. In AP classes, you'll study fascinating topics and ideas that just might become the foundation of your future college major or career.

Prepare to Succeed in College

AP courses can help you acquire the skills and habits you'll need to be successful in college. You'll improve your writing skills, sharpen your problem-solving abilities, and develop time management skills, discipline, and study habits.

Earn College Credit and Placement

More than 90 percent of four-year colleges in the United States and colleges in more than 60 other countries give students credit, advanced placement or both on the basis of AP Exam scores. By entering college with AP credits, you'll have the time to move into upper level courses, pursue a double-major or study abroad.

How Do I Enroll?

Once you've decided to take the AP challenge it's easy to enroll. Talk to your School Counselor about the course you want to take. Discuss the course's workload and any preparation you might need.

AP and the Cost of College

Research shows that your AP experience can benefit you in several important ways when you reach college:

- AP students are more likely to graduate from college in four years - students who take longer to graduate at public colleges and universities can spend up to \$19,000¹ for each additional year.
- AP helps students qualify for scholarships - 31 percent of colleges and universities look at AP experience when determining scholarships.²

AP College Credit Policy Information

Find colleges' AP credit policy information at:

<http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/index.jsp>

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