

Advanced Placement Info Session

An overview of student characteristics, expectations,
and benefits of taking an Advanced Placement
course.

Holly Springs High School

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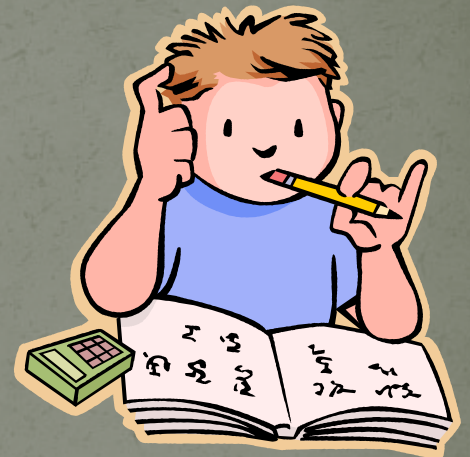
Why did you sign up
for AP courses for
2017-18?

Myth or Fact?



AP STUDENTS NEVER HAVE A LIFE!

MYTH! They have a life, BUT they
have good time management
skills...



What are the characteristics of an AP Student?

- Self-motivated
- Responsible about completing tasks on-time with minimal reminders and supports
- Organized
- Not afraid to ask questions
- Will advocate for oneself
- Intellectual curiosity
- Respectful of classmates and teacher's opinions
- Desire to achieve

Myth or Fact?



AP STUDENTS ARE SO
SMART THEY DON'T
HAVE TO STUDY.

MYTH! AP courses EXPECT
that students review
material each night AT
HOME!

What should I expect if I take an AP class?

- Treated as an INDEPENDENT LEARNER/THINKER
- Student is responsible for keeping track of assignments and due dates
- Nightly outside preparation whether your teacher assigns it or not
- Fewer assignments that have greater weight and depth
- AP courses are college level, emphasis on college level reading and writing
- Emphasis on critical thinking skills
- Possible summer reading/assignments

Myth or Fact?

IF I MAKE A "C" IN
AN AP COURSE IT
IS REALLY AN "A."



MYTH!

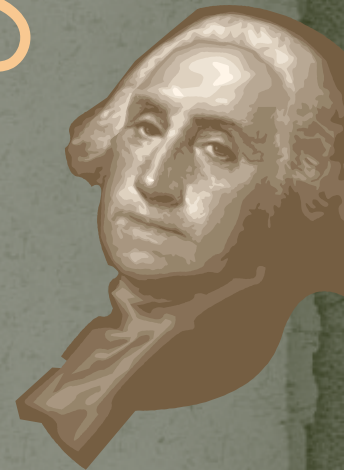
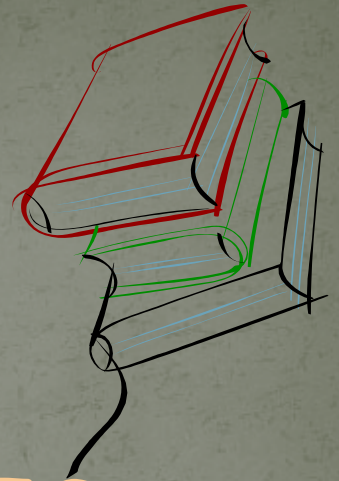
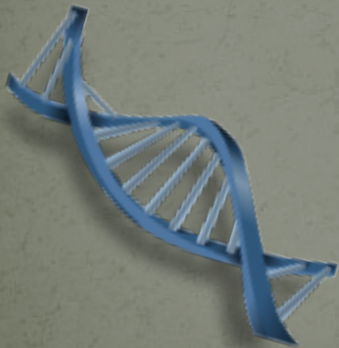
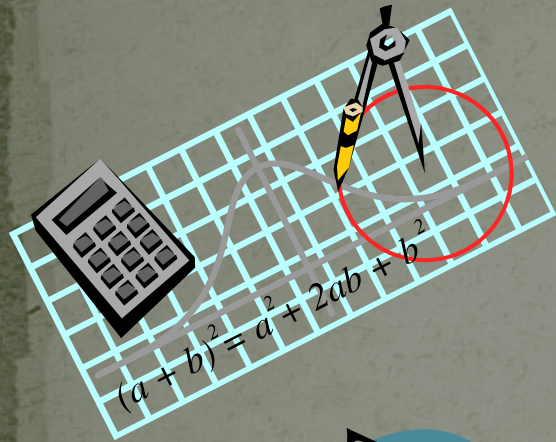
It's a C...but...

Weighted Credit for Honors/AP

- For students who entered 9th grade in 2014-15 or prior, Advanced Placement (AP) courses carry 2.0 extra quality points, and honors (HN) courses carry 1.0 extra quality point.
 - Unweighted A = 4.0, Honors A = 5.0, AP A = 6.0
- For students who entered 9th grade in 2015-16 or later, Advanced Placement (AP) courses carry 1.0 extra quality point, and honors (HN) courses carry 0.5 extra quality point.
 - Unweighted A = 4.0, Honors A = 4.5, AP A = 5.0

Myth or Fact?

COMPETITIVE
UNIVERSITIES
EXPECT STUDENTS
TO TAKE ADVANCED
COURSES?



FACT! Colleges are aware of the AP courses each school offers and expect students to take advantage of them...SUCCESSFULLY.

So how many AP Courses should I take?

- The classic answer...It depends ☺
- Take AP courses that play to your strengths & interests
- Take AP courses in areas that match your future goals
- There is no magic number

What are the benefits of taking an AP course?

- Opportunity for personal and academic growth in a college course setting
- Rigorous courses look favorable for college admissions
- Rigorous work helps improve SAT and ACT scores
- Earn college credit in high school with AP exams
- Students are exposed to college level work with high school support
- Helps ease the transition from high school to college freshman

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DEFINING SUCCESS

Important Questions:

What is going to indicate to you that you've had a successful experience in the course? What does success look like to your parent? What does success look like to colleges / universities like the ones you're interested in?

Myth or Fact?

STUDENTS WHO EARN
COLLEGE CREDIT THROUGH
AP EXAMS CAN START
COLLEGE AS A
SOPHOMORE.



FACT! Depending on your score and the university you attend, you can earn up to 8 credit hours per exam...roughly 30 credit hours are required to be a college sophomore.

Important Questions:
Is the course what you
thought it would be?
Level of outside work,
writing, etc. that you
expected?



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COURSE SCHEDULING

Important Question:

When are the courses you are taking likely to be offered? What other activities do you have during that time?

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COURSE SCHEDULING

Likely to be in BOTH Semesters:

AP English Language, AP English Literature,
AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Environmental
Science, AP Human Geography, AP US
History, AP Psychology

Likely to be in FALL Semester Only:

AP Calculus AB, AP Government

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COURSE SCHEDULING

Likely to be in SPRING Semester Only:

AP Calculus BC (must take AB first)

AP Art Studio, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Spanish

Likely to be in YEARLONG:

AP Seminar, AP Research, AP Music Theory (NCVPS)

Don't Know

AP Art History (1 section)

Your 2017-18 Schedule

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

1. Create the Course Matrix (Now – June)
2. Schedule Students for “Best Fit” (May – June) ...
“Throw it up in the air!”
3. Adjustments to Balance Class Sizes (July – August)
... “Tweaking the details”
4. Start School Schedule (August) ... “Livin’ the Dream” 😊

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SUPPORT STRUCTURES

If I struggle in the AP Course ...

- Speak up and ask questions.
- Organize small study groups.
 - Attend tutorials.
- Seek assistance from NHS tutors and NEHS Writing Lab.
- Utilize free online resources such as Khan Academy.
- Consult your counselor to develop a time management plan.
- Check out the AP study guide resources in our media center.

More Information...

Visit the HSHS website and look under the “Academics” tab for Advanced Placement page.



Questions after tonight?

Contact your student's counselor:

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Questions for now?

