

# Advanced Placement Info Session

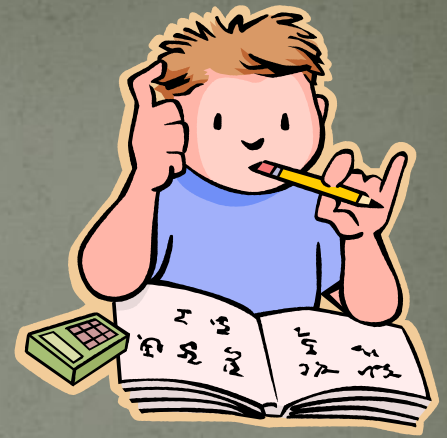
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An overview of student characteristics, expectations, and benefits of taking an Advanced Placement course.

Middle Creek High School

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# 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 without a reminder
- Organized
- Not afraid to ask questions
- Will advocate for oneself
- Intellectual curiosity
- Respectful of classmates and teacher's opinions
- Desire to achieve
- Desire to attend a four-year university
- Willing to take on these characteristics to succeed!



# 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
- Student is responsible for using their agenda to keep 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
- Summer reading/assignments

# Myth or Fact?

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

**MYTH!**

The C still shows as the  
final grade on your  
transcript.



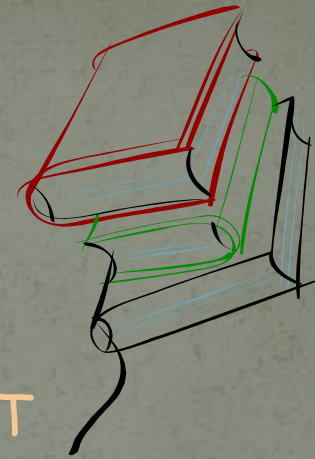
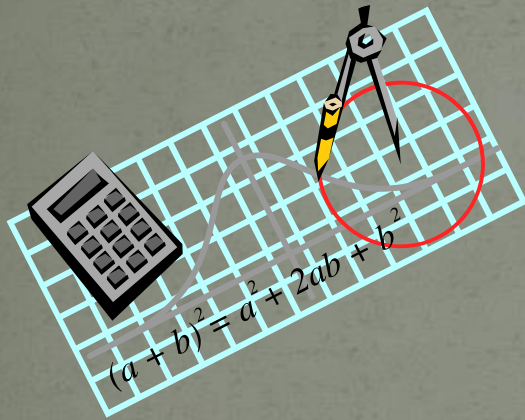


# Weighted Credit for Honors/AP

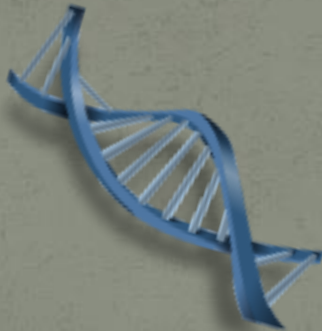
- For students who entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2015-16 or later, Advanced Placement (AP) courses carry 1.0 extra quality point, and honors (HN) courses carry 0.5 extra quality point.
  - Unweighted A = 4.0, Honors A = 4.5, AP A = 5.0

	August 2015 and beyond	Academic	Honors	AP
A	90-100	4	4.5	5
B	80-89	3	3.5	4
C	70-79	2	2.5	3
D	60-69	1	1.5	2
F	<60	0	0	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 as  
many as they can  
SUCCESSFULLY .





# 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 (The cost of an AP exam is approximately \$93 per exam, cost of one college course is approximately \$700 per course)
- Students are exposed to college level work with high school support
- Helps ease the transition from high school to college freshman

# 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.

I SHOULD TAKE ALL OF THE AP COURSES THAT MY SCHOOL OFFERS.

**MYTH!** Take the ones where you will be most motivated to do your best.

# AP Courses offered at MCHS:

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- English Language
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- Human Geography (10<sup>th</sup> grade only)
- U.S. Government & Politics (paired with Honors Civics)
- Music Theory
- Physics I
- Psychology
- Spanish Language
- Statistics
- Studio Art (2-D)
- U.S. History
- AP Seminar/Research as part of AP Capstone



# Should I sign up to take an AP course?

- Choose wisely the most rigorous courses that you can handle and be SUCCESSFUL!
- Understand Middle Creek's registration policy before you sign up. All AP students and parents must complete the **AP Statement of Understanding** prior to being enrolled in an AP course. Students have until the June 8 to request to drop an AP course.
- Check MCHS Website for AP Summer Assignments!

# Questions?

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