

Sandy Creek High School  
Advanced Placement  
Program Overview



2018~2019

# What is Advanced Placement?

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- ❧ AP classes offer rigorous, college-level work to help students develop knowledge and skills to be successful in college and career.
- ❧ The courses align to national curriculum frameworks outlined by the College Board and curriculum committees composed of college and high school faculty.
- ❧ By participating in the May testing for AP courses, students may earn college credit for courses taken for high school credit.

# Benefits of AP Coursework

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Students who take AP classes experience multiple benefits including

- ⌘ Exposure to rigorous, college-level curriculum in a supportive high school environment,
- ⌘ The opportunity to earn college credit and/or advanced placement,
- ⌘ College tuition savings, and a
- ⌘ Competitive edge for college admissions and scholarship dollars.



# AP Grades



- Five points are added to semester grades in all AP classes, provided the student passed the class ( 71% or higher)

# AP Exams



- ⌘ Standardized exam written by College Board given at end of course in May
- ⌘ Serves as the final exam for spring semester (unless the course has an End Of Course Test)
- ⌘ Students are required to take the exam and pay exam fees (currently \$93 per exam)
- ⌘ AP Tests are graded on a scale of 1-5
- ⌘ Scores of 3, 4, or 5 signify that the student is qualified to receive college credit (check with individual schools for specifics)

# AP Course Expectations



- ❧ Complete required summer reading and assignments
- ❧ Remain in the class for a full year
  - ❧ No schedule changes at semester break for any reason (including dual enrollment conflict)
  - ❧ SCHS AP Agreement required ( parent/student signature)
- ❧ Must take and pay for the AP Exam (\$93)
- ❧ Substitutes for your spring semester final exam (unless the course has an EOC)

# AP Course Offerings



- ❧ Computer Science A **11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Computer Science Principles **10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Language and Composition **11<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Literature and Composition **12<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Biology **11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Environmental **11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Chemistry **11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Physics I **11<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Physics C - **12<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Calculus AB **12<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Calculus BC **12<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Statistics **10<sup>th</sup> or 11-12<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Psychology **11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Government **12<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Human Geography **9<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ World History **10<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ US History **11<sup>th</sup> grade**
- ❧ Music Theory **10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade**



# Checklist



- ❧ Application Timeline January 11th at 8:00 PM – January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ( by 8 pm)
- ❧ Check pre-requisites and appropriate grade levels
- ❧ Review list of planned courses for the 2018-19 SY
- ❧ Visit <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home> to research AP course descriptions
- ❧ DO NOT apply for a class because you like a teacher. Teacher assignments can and do change. Teacher assignments are not guaranteed



# More Information



- ☞ Acceptance Letters will be mailed February 16, 2018
- ☞ Signed letters must be returned to Registrar's Office by March 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:45 PM.
- ☞ Call or email:  
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