

Sandy Creek High School
Advanced Placement
Program Overview



2020~2021

What is Advanced Placement?

- ❧ 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

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



Advanced Placement Classes are weighted higher than regular classes or dual enrollment classes.

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 \$94 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 (\$94)
- ❧ AP Exam substitutes for your spring semester final exam (unless the course has an EOC)

AP Course Offerings



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

Checklist

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- ❧ Application will open on January 9th at 11:30 AM and closes January 20th, 2020 at 8:00 PM.
 - ❧ Review list of planned courses for the 2020-21 SY
 - ❧ Check pre-requisites and appropriate grade level
 - ❧ Students may apply by going to the SCHS website, Counseling, Advanced Placement. Parents cannot apply for students. Students should apply for all courses they are interested in.
 - ❧ 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 7, 2020
- ☞ Signed letters must be returned to Registrar's Office by February 14th at 3:45 PM.
- ☞ Call or email:
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