



**Advanced Placement Night  
2019-2020**

# Welcome to AP Night

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# What is Advanced Placement?

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



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# AP Exams

- ▶ **Standardized exam written and graded by College Board given at end of the course in May (or portfolio)**
- ▶ **Serves as the final exam for spring semester (unless the course has an EOC)**
- ▶ **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**
- ▶ **Score of 3, 4, or 5 signifies that the student is qualified to receive college credit**



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# Benefits of AP Coursework

- ▶ Exposure to rigorous, college-level curriculum prepares students for success in college
- ▶ Opportunity to earn college credit
- ▶ College tuition savings
- ▶ Competitive edge for college admissions and scholarships
- ▶ A sense that your student will be successful in college

AP students outperform their College Prep and Dual Enrollment peers in college courses of the same subject.

AP students are most likely to graduate in on time.



# AP Grading and Transcripts

## Class of 2021:

- ▶ 5 points are added to semester grades (for passing students)
- ▶ Transcripts include an unweighted and weighted GPA
- ▶ The weighted GPA includes 1 quality point per AP course

## Class of 2022 and higher:

- ▶ Students will receive 1 quality point per AP Course
- ▶ Transcripts will not include a weighted and unweighted GPA



# Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment

## Dual Enrollment:

- ▶ **No cost to the student**
- ▶ **Uses a letter grading system: A-95, B-85, C-75, W-69**
- ▶ **No Quality Point added to GPA ( class of 2021)**
- ▶ **.5 Quality Point is added to GPA (class of 2022 and above)**
- ▶ **Travel to and from the college campus is the student's responsibility**
- ▶ **School calendar may not align with the FCBOE calendar**
- ▶ **No national standard for coursework or standardized exam**
- ▶ **Post secondary schools encourage students to explore all “on campus options for rigorous instruction”**
- ▶ **Some colleges will not accept Dual Enrollment or AP credit**

# AP Expectations

- ▶ **Complete required summer reading and assignments. Many AP courses require summer work.**
- ▶ **AP students must be able to work independently to master course content outside of the regular school day.**
- ▶ **Take the first semester final exam. AP students are not allowed to exempt first semester exams.**
- ▶ **Remain in the class for a full year. Do not apply for a class because of the teacher. Teaching assignments can and do change. Apply because the course is right for you.**
- ▶ **Pay for and complete the AP Exam (\$94 per exam this year)**





# How to Apply for AP Classes

1. Read the WHS [AP Course Description](#) online on the Registrar page
2. Review course offerings, prerequisites, and [additional requirements](#) online

*Once your student decides for which course she or he would like to apply:*

3. Determine if you need to complete an **AP Potential Qualification Application** OR **Standard Qualification Application**
4. Submit an online AP application for each course and complete any additional requirements listed for Standard Qualification Applications



# AP Potential Qualification Application

- ▶ A student identified by College Board as a student with potential for success in an AP course(s) received an AP Potential email on December 20th

College Board uses a percentile to determine AP Potential, the percentile is 60%, indicating the student will most likely have a 60% chance of scoring a 3 or higher on the subject exam.

- ▶ Students receiving AP Potential emails must still complete an online application for each course that they would like to take



**What if I didn't get an  
AP Potential letter?**



# Standard Qualification Application

Students who do not have an AP Potential Qualification are strongly encouraged to apply using the Standard Qualification requirements.

Please be aware that:

- ▶ Standard Qualification may require a writing sample or a teacher recommendation.
- ▶ Information on Standard Qualification for AP courses is posted on the [WHS webpage](#) and the requirements are listed in the AP Night handouts.



# Standard Qualification Guidelines

**AP Potential Applications do not require additional materials for acceptance.**

**Standard Qualification Applications are evaluated using the following criteria:**

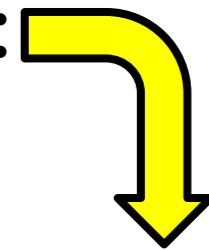
- ▶ **Content area and/or overall GPA**
- ▶ **Prerequisite classes**
- ▶ **PSAT/SAT/ACT Scores (Writing, Verbal, and/or Math)**
- ▶ **Rigor of previous coursework**
- ▶ **Additional Requirements: timed writings, teacher recommendations, or speaking assessments (Spanish)**



# The Application Process

**Students will NOT be  
automatically enrolled  
in AP courses.**

**Students must complete the online  
application and all requirements for  
EACH COURSE  
before the due date:**



**Friday, January 17, 2020  
at 5:00 P.M.**



# Application Timeline

Keep these dates in mind:

- ▶ **Dec. 17-19:** AP Potential emails sent to student emails
- ▶ **Jan. 9:** AP Application opens online at 8:30 PM
- ▶ **Jan. 14, 15, 16:** Timed Writing sessions for Standard Qualifications
- ▶ **Jan. 17:** AP Application closes at 5 PM
- ▶ **Feb. 7:** Notification of AP Qualification during lunch
- ▶ **Feb. 14:** AP Acceptance Contracts are due by 4 PM to Guidance



# Tonight's Schedule

## **5 sessions: 10 minutes each**

**Take a few moments to plan your schedule tonight.**

**Not all courses will meet during every session.**

**Make sure that you pay attention to the grade levels listed in your program tonight.**

**Enjoy the sessions, take notes, ask questions, and don't forget to apply.**

# AP Course Offerings by GRADE

## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS:



- AP Human Geography
- AP Environmental Science

## 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS:



- AP Art History
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Human Geography
- AP Seminar
- AP Statistics
- AP World History

## 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS:

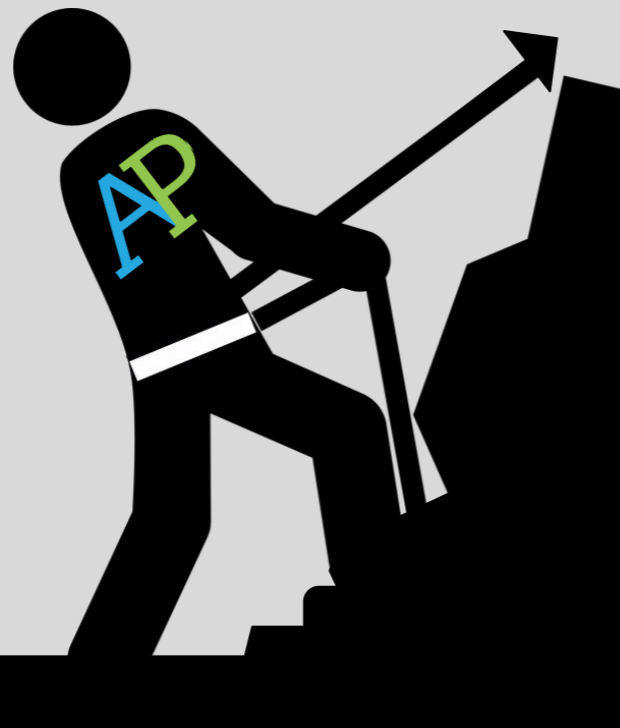


- AP Art History
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP Language and Composition
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics
- AP Psychology
- AP Research
- AP Seminar
- AP Spanish
- AP Statistics
- AP US History

## 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS:



- AP Art History
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Economics
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP Government
- AP Literature and Composition
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics 2
- AP Psychology
- AP Research
- AP Seminar
- AP Spanish
- AP Statistics





**Are you  
ready to  
apply?**

1. Go to <http://www.fcboe.org/whs>
2. Student Resources
3. Advanced Placement

## **AP APPLICATION**

**Students are required to be logged into their fcboe.mail.org email to complete each AP application form.**

- ▶ **Maximum Course Exemption Application is required if planning to take more than 3 AP classes**
- ▶ **Rubrics for each AP course and Teacher Recommendation forms are available on the WHS Advanced Placement website**

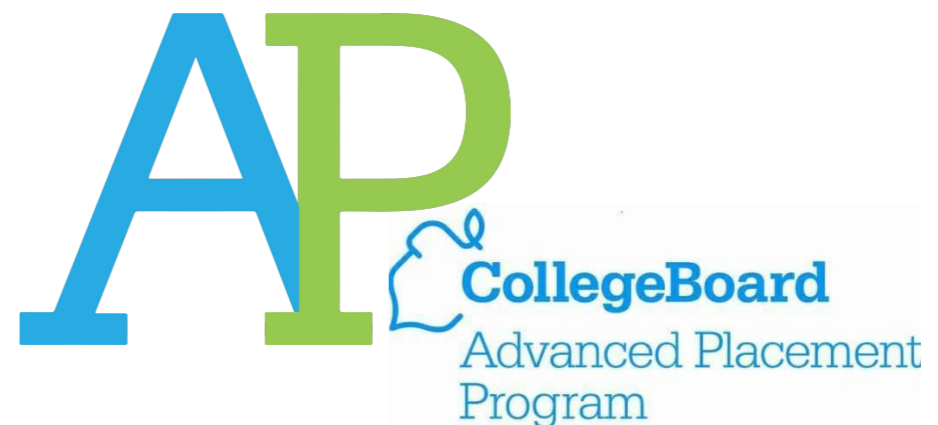


**Want to  
know more  
about AP?**

▶ **Attend AP Lunch & Learn:**

**January 14, 15, and 16**  
**during all lunches in Guidance**

**Bring your lunch and your questions.**



▶ **Visit the College Board website to  
research AP courses**

▶ **Call or email Maggie Walls:**

**walls.maggie@mail.fcboe.org**

**770-460-3935**





**Thank you for your attendance.**

**Please report to your first session.**

**Session 1 will begin promptly at 7:05 pm**



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# Benefits of AP Coursework

## Build skills and confidence.

- ▶ AP students learn essential time management and study skills needed for college and career success.
- ▶ They dig deeper into subjects that interest them and learn to tap their creativity and their problem-solving skills to address course challenges.

## Get into college.

- ▶ Students who take AP courses send a signal to colleges that they're serious about their education and that they're willing to challenge themselves with rigorous coursework. [\[1\]](#)
- ▶ 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions. [\[2\]](#)

## Succeed in college.

- ▶ Research shows that students who receive a score of 3 or higher on AP Exams typically experience greater academic success in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers. [\[3\]](#)

## Save time and money in college.

- ▶ Research shows that students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a college degree on time. [\[4\]](#)
- ▶ Most colleges and universities nationwide offer college credit, advanced placement, or both for qualifying AP Exam scores. This can mean: <sup>1</sup> Fulfilling graduation requirements early. <sup>2</sup> Being able to skip introductory courses or required general-education courses

# Qualification Guidelines

- This is not a competitive process between students
- Teachers try to predict success by accepting students who show promise of success in the class. The goal is predict the potential to score 3, 4, or 5 on AP exam.
- Students will be deemed:
  - Qualified
  - Pending
  - Not Qualified

