

Advanced Placement Information Night

Wauwatosa West High
School

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What is Advanced Placement?

“The College Board’s Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) enables willing and academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies — with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement or both — while still in high school.”

Expectations in an AP Class

- These are college courses.
- Texts and assignments often written for a college level reading ability.
- Significant time commitment is required outside class to do readings, etc. (possible summer reading)
- Registering for the class is a commitment to complete the entire year.
- Students are required to learn independently.
Mastery of some chapters may be required for the exam without any class time discussion.

Pros of AP Classes

College admissions departments look for students who take the most rigorous courses available at their high school.

Colleges look at success (A's or B's) in AP classes as proven indicators of success in college.

Note: receiving a 'C' does not indicate the student cannot be successful in college. However they may need additional preparation. Colleges still view taking the risk as positive.

What is an AP Exam?

- Standardized test administered by the College Board (same company that does the SAT)
- 2-3 ½ hours in length
- Given nationally on the same day and time
- Scored on a scale of 1-5 (5 being the highest)

Why choose to take the AP Exam?

If the student scores well on the AP exam, colleges may award college credit.

(Typically, a score of three or higher on the AP exam may yield credit from the college.)

Taking an AP Exam prepares a student for high stakes college assessments and final exams.

Why choose to take the AP exam?

Earning AP Credit could:

- Allow a student to pick up another major or minor
- Help ensure a student graduates in 4 years
- Allow more elective choices with the 4 years
- Potentially allow the student to graduate in less than 4 years

Score Report

Test Scores are Cumulative

- All Exam test scores are on one score report.
- **Seniors** can identify what schools they would like to receive their score report. (scores are not used for admission consideration)
- Score reports are made available to students online in July.
- You can request to have a score removed from the report for a fee.

Exam Costs

Exam fee \$94 each

\$142 for AP Seminar and Research

Pay and Order exam by March 8, 2019

Students with Financial Need can get help with the cost.

Can Cancel up to exam time, but will not get full refund.

Consider before registering...

- Total course load
- Passion for the subject
- Previous success and grades in the subject
- Review your personal Academic and Career Plan