



Welcome Parents!

AP

An Introduction to the
Advanced Placement Program®

<Your School's Name>

What we will cover tonight:

- What are Advanced Placement[®] Courses and why should I consider them?
- The Benefits
- AP[®] Exams
- What Is It Like to Take AP?
- Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices
- Information from AP Teachers in Break-Out Sessions

What Are AP Courses?

- College-level classes offered in high school
- Reflect introductory course material
- Students will take AP exams at the end to demonstrate their mastery
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college

Our AP[®] Courses

- **Arts:** Art History, Music Theory
- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Statistics
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics
- **World languages:** AP/IB French, AP/IB Spanish

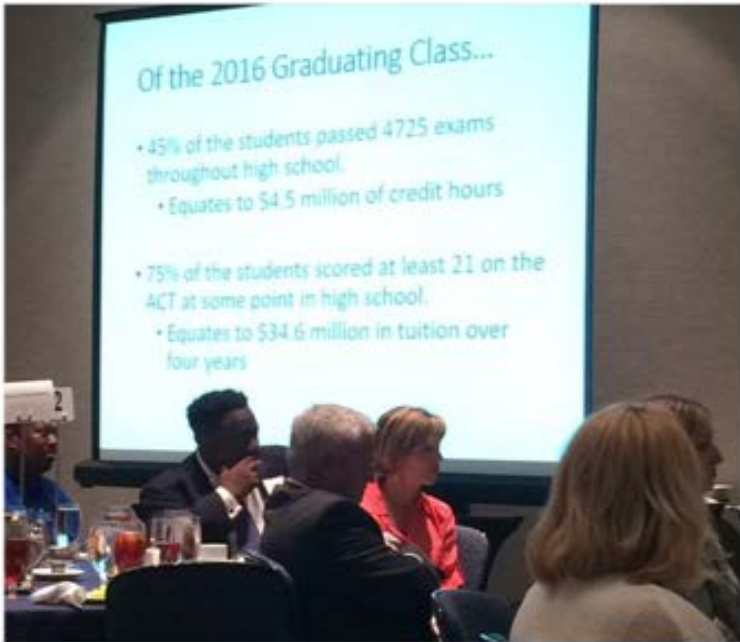


AP[®]: The Benefits



WCSB 2016 College Credits!!!

4.5 million in college credits last year from Advanced Placement courses. No charge! #wcsb



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THE UNIVERSITY of
TENNESSEE **OR**
KNOXVILLE

Competition is **STRONG!**



4,825
incoming freshmen

Largest in
30
years

10%
enrolled
in honors

Average
ACT score
27

Average high
school
GPA
3.89

49%
had high school
GPAs of over 4.0.

17,500+
applications from students
seeking admission this year.



College Realities

Competitive advantage in college admissions

- Eighty-five percent of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions.

Financial benefits

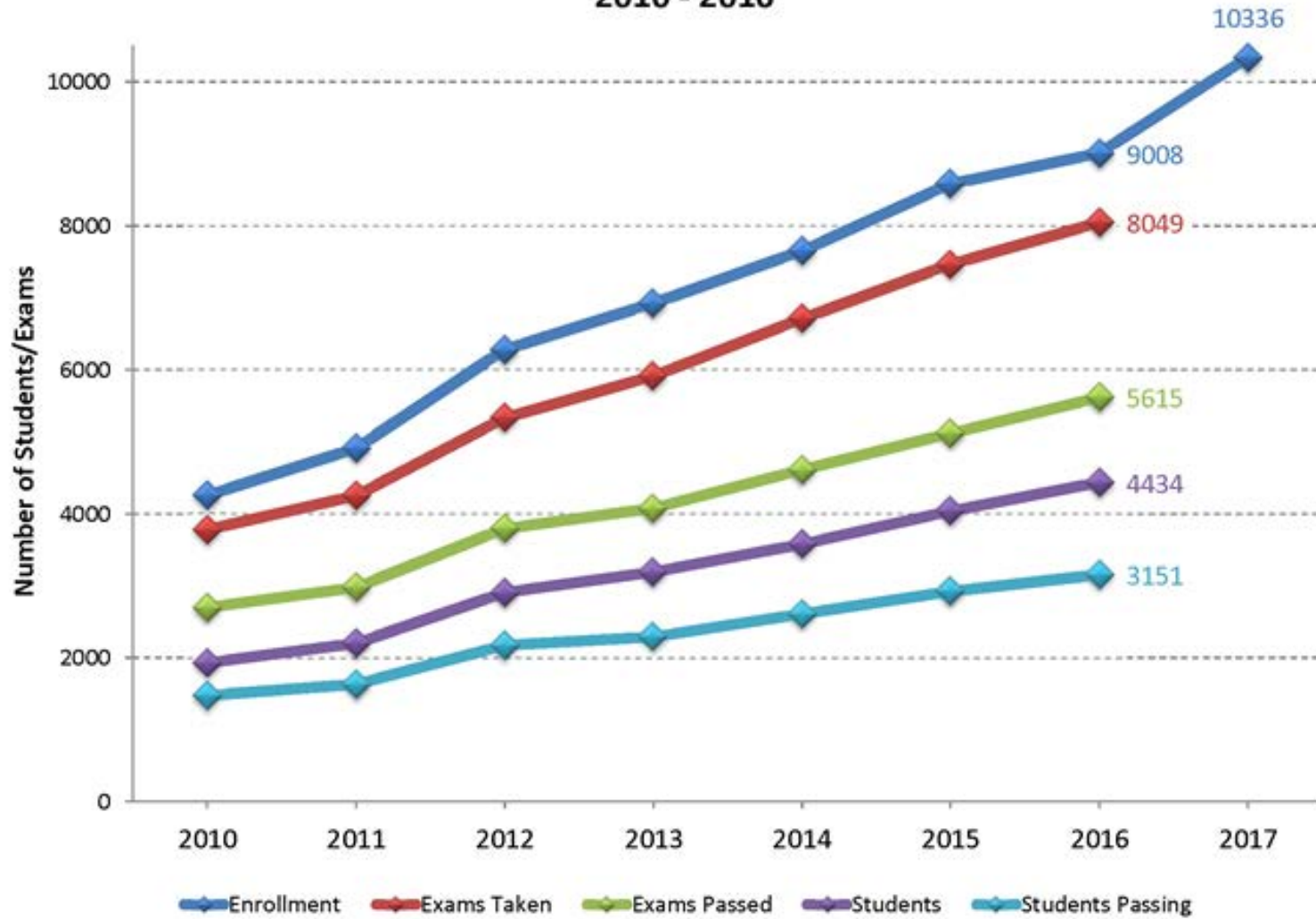
- Research shows that students who take AP are much more likely than their peers to complete a college degree on time.

In 2013, over 1 million U.S. public high school graduates took at least one AP Exam.

Why take AP Classes?

- **Dig Deeper.** Go further in subjects that interest you.
- **Hands ON.** Immersive classes – learn how things really work
- **Dialogue and Debate.** Learn to share and argue your opinion. Express yourself.
- **Safe Environment** for a College-level Class. It's college with less risk. Learn how to manage a college class, interact in open discussions.
- **Push Yourself.** Challenge yourself. Develop solid study skills that will carry you through college. Learn time-management.
- **Stand out with College Admissions.** AP on your transcript means you're prepared for the rigors of college.

Williamson County Schools Advanced Placement Trends
2010 - 2016



AP[®] Myths & Realities

Myth	Reality
AP courses are for students who always get good grades.	AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.
AP courses are too stressful.	It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the work load.
I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.	You don't need to score a 5. Many colleges grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.
Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.	Taking AP courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically.
I can't take AP because no one has recommended me.	If you think you're ready to take an AP course, then you're ready to advocate for yourself — just talk to a teacher or counselor.

Myth vs. Reality

Myth

- AP courses have too much extra work

Reality

- You'll have to work hard in AP, but by connecting coursework to what really matters to you right now, AP courses make it hard work that's worthwhile.
- You develop long-term skills to make you more prepared for college.



Stand Out in College Admissions

- Deciding to take an AP course lets colleges and universities know that you have what it takes to succeed in an undergraduate environment.

When admissions officers see “AP” on your transcript, they know that what you experienced in a particular class has prepared you well for the challenges of college.

Taking AP is a sign that you’re up for the most rigorous classes your high school has to offer.



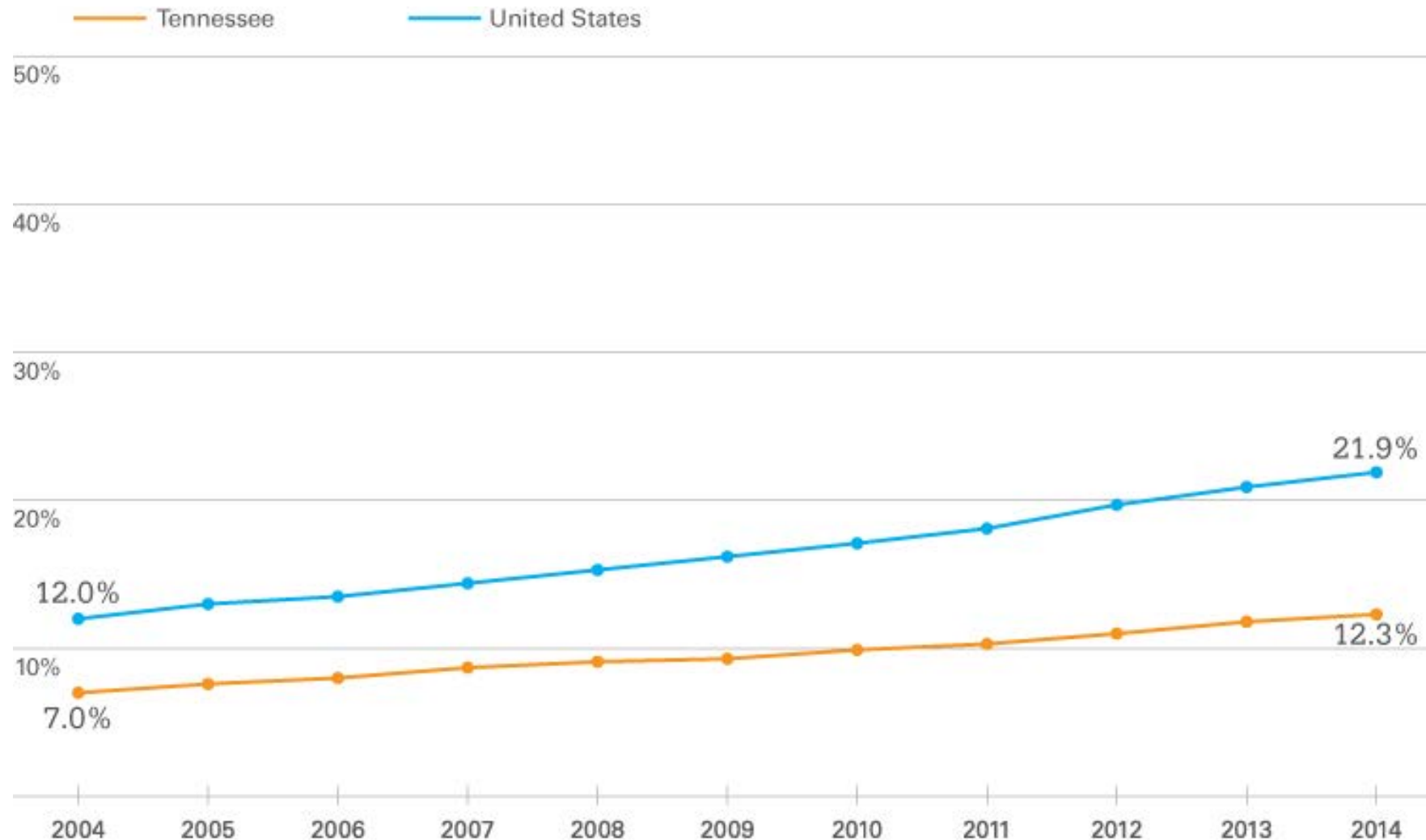
Earn College Credits

- By taking an AP course and scoring successfully on the related AP Exam, you can save on college expenses: most colleges and universities nationwide offer college credit, advanced placement, or both, for qualifying AP Exam scores.

Check with the colleges that interest you to see what their requirements are at the AP Credit Policy Search:

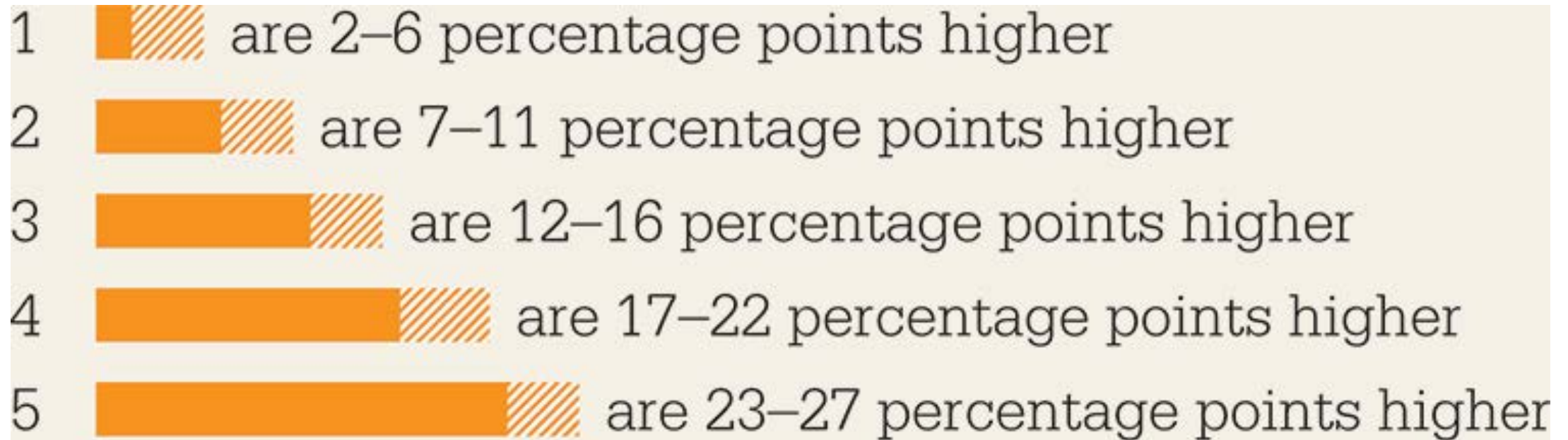
<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>

More students are taking AP Classes so completion will continue to grow. 12.3% of Tennessee's public high school 11th- and 12th-graders took at least one AP Exam in 2014, up from 7.0% in 2004.



The Importance of AP for Tennessee Students

New research shows the benefits of AP for all students. AP students with an average AP Exam score of:



...in expected on-time [college graduation rate](#), compared to academically matched peers who don't take an AP Exam.

Advancing AP STEM Participation

- Research shows that students who took AP mathematics and science **were more likely** than non-AP students to **earn degrees in physical science, engineering, and life science disciplines.**



Science



Technology



Engineering



Mathematics

AP[®]: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT[®] results: My College QuickStart[™]
www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities:
www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy

IB Announcement

- On Monday, December 5th, at 6:00, we will be hosting a meeting at FHS for all rising juniors (current sophomores) and their families about the IB Program and IB course opportunities for next year.