



An Introduction to the Advanced Placement Program®

Centennial High School

Welcome

Centennial is committed to every student's success.

We believe access to rigorous coursework such as Advanced Placement® (AP®) plays an important role in that success.



What We'll Cover

- **What are Advanced Placement® Courses?**
- **The Benefits**
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- **What Is It Like to Take AP?**
- **Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices**
- **Information from AP Teachers at Registration Bonanza Monday January 23rd 6-8**



What Are Advanced Placement[®] Courses?

Advanced Placement[®]: The Basics

- AP[®] courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students will take AP Exams at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college
- Visit College Board to Look at schools you are interested in:
<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies>

AP[®] at Centennial

- 1,151 AP exams were administered in 2022 to 615 CHS students
- Next year, our AP program will continue to grow with the addition of the AP Capstone Program

AP[®] at Centennial

	2022
Total AP Students	615
Number of Exams	1,151
% of Total AP Students with Score 3+	63%

AP[®] Courses at CHS

- **Arts:** Music Theory, Studio Art, Art History
- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** European History, Human Geography, World History, Macroeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Statistics, Principles of Computer Science
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics I, Physics II
- **World languages:** Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, French Language
- **Non subject specific:** AP Capstone (Seminar and Research)

AP Capstone

Two courses: AP Seminar and AP Research

Rather than teaching subject-specific content, these courses develop students' skills in **research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, writing, and presenting**. Students who complete the two-year program can earn one of two different AP Capstone awards, which are valued by colleges across the United States and around the world.

How AP Capstone Works

AP Capstone

AP Seminar is a prerequisite for AP Research (students must score 3 or higher).

Students who score a 3 or higher on AP Seminar and AP Research plus 4 additional AP exams earn an **AP Capstone Diploma.**

AP Capstone

For the 2023-2024 School Year:

Sophomores: May take AP Seminar in place of English II*
(will receive English credit)

Juniors: Must take AP Seminar as an elective

More info at

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-capstone>

**Any student wishing to play a sport at an NCAA school should take AP Seminar concurrently with English II or take English II online.*

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AP[®]: The Benefits

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- Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills
- Taking AP is valued in the college admission process
- AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences
- Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college
- Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success



AP[®] Helps Students Graduate on Time & Save Money

Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to **complete a college degree on time**. Graduating in four years represents a significant **savings on the cost** of college.

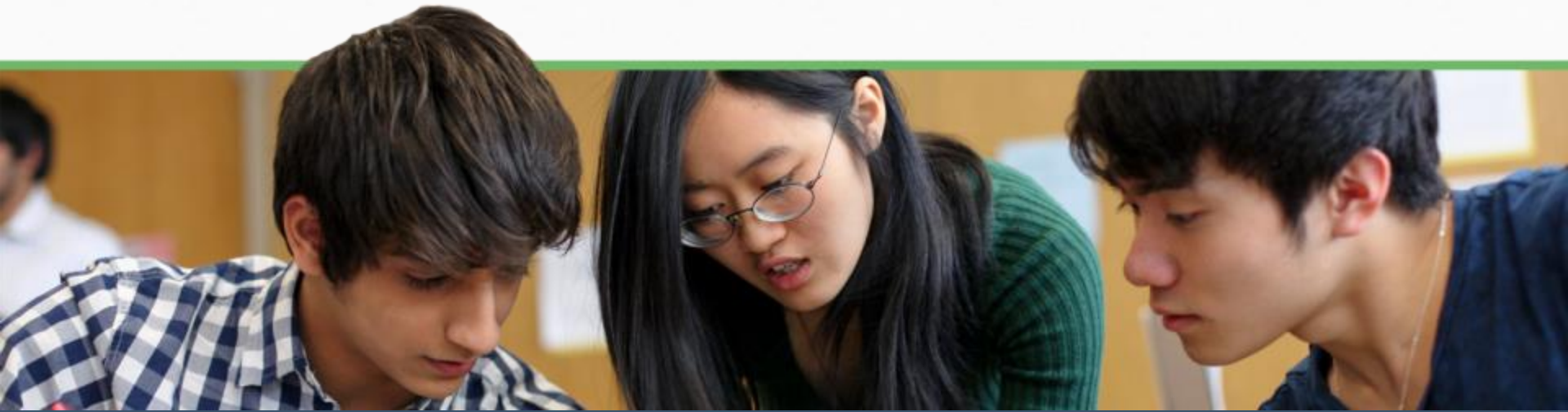
- Only 1 in 4 college students completes a bachelor's degree in 4 years.
- The average cost of college for a single year is \$21,500** for in-state schools (tuition, fees, room/board, misc. expenses).

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AP[®] Expands Students' Options

When students earn college credit through AP Exams, their options and opportunities expand:

- Move to upper-level college courses sooner
- Pursue a double major
- Gain time to study and travel abroad



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AP[®] Exams

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AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

- Exams are typically 2–3 hours and include:
 - Multiple-choice questions
 - Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response



Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.



The screenshot shows the CollegeBoard website's search interface for AP credit policies. The page is titled "AP[®] AP Credit Policy Info" and "Advanced Placement Program". It features a search bar with the text "Find colleges and universities with AP credit policy information". Below the search bar, there are several filters: "AP[®]", "AP Credit Policy Info", "Advanced Placement Program", "Find colleges and universities with AP credit policy information", "A-Z", "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F", "G", "H", "I", "J", "K", "L", "M", "N", "O", "P", "Q", "R", "S", "T", "U", "V", "W", "X", "Y", "Z", "School Name", "To begin your search, enter the name of the college or university or select a letter of the alphabet to find institutions that begin with that letter.", "Years", "AP Credit Policy Info", "AP International Recognition", "SAT Subject Examinations", "Services for Students with Disabilities". The page also includes a "TRUSTED" logo and a footer with links for "Site Map", "Contact Us", "About Us", "Press", "Careers", "AP Courses", "AP Exams", "AP Central", "AP Store", "AP Privacy Policy", and "AP[®] and College Board".

- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy

Credit Policy

University of Tennessee: Knoxville

Knoxville, TN

Offers credit for AP Exams ● Yes

Offers placement into higher-level courses for AP Exams ● Yes

For more information, [view the credit policy on this college's website](#).

Additional restrictions and requirements may apply to the policy listed below. For more detailed information, visit the college's AP policy on the Web or contact the college directly.

Exam Title	Min. Score Required	Number of Credits	Equivalent Course
Biology	3	4	Biology 101
	4	8	Biology 101,102
	5	11	Biology 101, 102, 160
Calculus AB	3	3	Math 125
	4	4	Math 141
	5	4	Math 147
Calculus BC	3	4	Math 141



What is it like to take AP[®]?

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 workload.
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. Use the website previously described.
Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.	Taking AP courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically. WCS offers 5 points extra added to the average each quarter.
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. Start by understanding the courses tonight!

AP Teacher Training & Support at CHS

- In order to teach AP classes, WCS teachers must be certified and highly qualified in the content area in addition to taking the AP College Board certification summer course.
- AP teachers submit their curriculum and syllabus to College Board for approval each year.
- AP teachers, like other CHS teachers, work in curriculum teams supporting learning, evaluating data, and enhancing the learning of all AP students.



Students & Parents ... In Their Own Words

[An AP teacher talks about her high expectations for her students](#)

[AP Program: Turning Curiosity into a Science](#)

[Karl describes AP classes as a glimpse into what college is like](#)

[The Value of AP for Latino Students \(in Spanish\)](#)

[Teachers recognize AP student achievements](#)

[AP Program: Creativity Makes A Mark](#)



Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices

AP[®]: Start the Conversation

What AP course is right for me?

Before you talk to a teacher or counselor, think about what interests you:

- Which courses do you enjoy most in school? In which subjects do you excel?
- What college majors are you considering? What careers excite you?

How many AP courses is too many?

- What activities are you involved in next year?
- How is your time management?
- How do the courses selected match your college and career goals?

Investigate the following questions:

- In which AP courses at our school am I likely to do well?
- Are there other courses that can help me succeed in AP or prepare me for college and careers?

What steps do I need to take?

- Utilize the registration process and add courses before May 5th 2023

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

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: www.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

Explore AP[®]: Take the Next Step





**Please Visit our AP teachers at their
tables in the lobby.**