

Williamson County Board of Education



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ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS

1 For Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs in all high schools
2 the following criteria shall be met:
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- 4 1. The programs will operate within College Board or IB course descriptions and content
5 requirements.
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- 7 2. Class size will be determined by the administration with the approval of the Assistant
8 Superintendent for High Schools.
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- 10 3. Teachers assigned to more than two class sections of AP or IB classes which require
11 extra writing (e.g., English, history) or laboratory work (e.g., biology, chemistry) will be
12 provided an additional planning period, whenever funding and staffing make it possible.
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- 14 4. When Williamson County Schools (WCS) reimburses fifty percent (50%) or more of the
15 cost of AP exams, students shall be required to take the exam in order to receive one
16 additional quality point for the AP class grade. Students who do not take the exam
17 under these circumstances shall only receive an additional quality point value of .5 for
18 the AP class grade.
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- 20 5. Students who are enrolled in the AP class and take the AP exam are exempt from the
21 course final exam. Students who are enrolled in IB classes and take the IB exam are
22 exempt from the course exam.
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- 24 6. Students who take an AP exam or IB exam (a 1/2 day exam) may be excused from
25 school attendance for the other half of the day.
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30 The Board's support for these programs includes its commitment to promote the programs within
31 the total community and to support quality programs. The goals for the AP and IB programs
32 include the following: (1) an increased number and variety of courses; (2) increased numbers of
33 students enrolled in these courses; (3) higher percentage of students taking AP exams; (4) higher
34 percentage of students achieving minimum score of three (3) on AP exams; and (5) higher
35 percentage of students receiving IB diplomas.
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