

# An Introduction to the Advanced Placement Program®

Chino Hills High School



## Welcome

Chino Hills High School is committed to every student's success.

We believe access to rigorous course work such as Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> (AP<sup>®</sup>) plays an important role in that success.





## What We Will Cover

- What are Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> Courses?
- What are the benefits?
- AP<sup>®</sup> Exams
- What is it like to take AP?
- Next Steps: Help your student make the best choices
- Q & A



# What Are Advanced Placement® Courses?



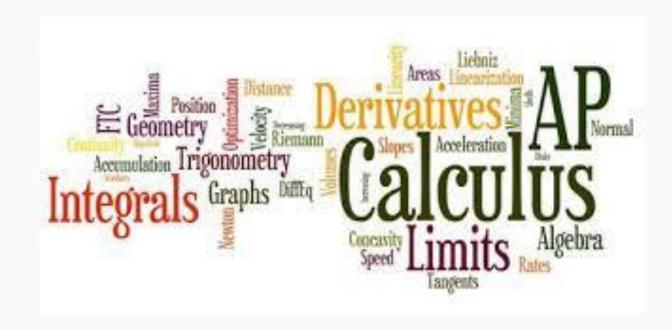
## **Advanced Placement®: The Basics**

- AP® courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students 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



## **CHHS Math AP® Courses**

- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC







## **AP®: The Benefits**



## **AP**<sup>®</sup>: The Benefits

- Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills
- Taking AP classes is valued in the college admission process
- AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences

Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college



## AP®: Skills & Advantages that Last a Lifetime

 Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success

\*2009, The College Board, "The Relationship Between AP Exam Performance and College Outcomes"



## AP® Exams



### AP® Exams

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







# 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 student that is academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.
AP courses are too stressful.	It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. The support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the wo 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 — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.
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.





# Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices



Help your child prepare to talk to a teacher or counselor about AP. Here are some questions you should encourage your child to think about:

#### 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?
- Do you have time to commit to take an AP class(es) with the other activities you want to commit to?



Examples of time commitment (hrs/week):

For a Sophomore: Pre-AP English II-4hrs

Pre-AP Bio-3hrs

Adv Algebra II – 2hrs

AP World History -3hrs+

then how many hours for band or a sport or FFA or choir?



Examples of time commitment (hrs/week):

For a Junior: AP Lang – 3hrs

Pre-AP Chem – 2 hrs

Pre-AP Calc 2hrs

then how many hours for band or a sport or FFA or choir?



Ask your counselor or teacher 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 is our school's enrollment deadline?

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## Approved calculators for ap calculus exam







## **Questions and Answers**

