



AP[®]

An Introduction to the Advanced Placement Program[®]

Chino Hills High School

Welcome

CHHS Mission:

To provide an environment of respect and collaborative learning among students, staff and parents, where all students engage in relevant standards-based curriculum and activities that foster responsibility and academic excellence.

CHHS Vision:

To be a school that encourages personal & academic achievement & integrity for all students in a challenging, safe, and supportive environment.

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



Agenda

- What are Advanced Placement® Courses?
- The Benefits
- AP® Exams
- What Is It Like to Take AP?
- Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices
- Q & A (if time permits)



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 AP[®] Courses

- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition (2 courses)
- **History and Social Sciences:** European History, Microeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1: Algebra-based, Physics 2: Algebra-based, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics
- **World languages:** Chinese Language and Culture, French Language and Culture, Japanese Language and Culture, Latin, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture

2016 – 2017 AP[®] at CHHS

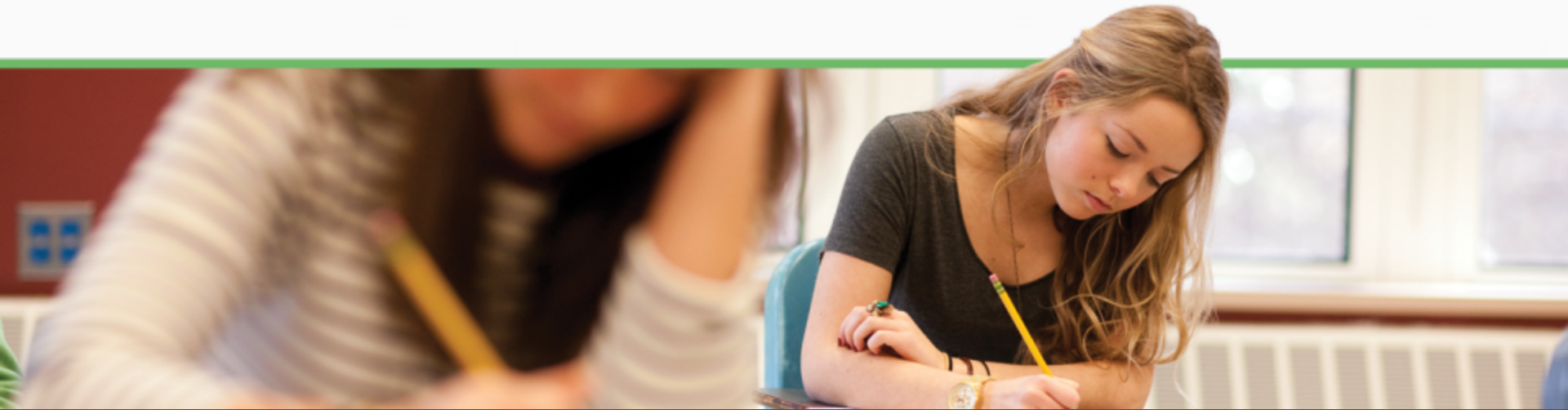
- More than 750 tests administered
- Distinctions:
 - 104 AP Scholars (3)
 - 32 AP Scholar with Honor (3.25 on 4 or <)
 - 56 AP Scholar with Distinction (4.06: 3 on 5 or <)
 - 9 National AP Scholar (4.3 4 on 4 or <)
- AP Scholars demonstrate superior college-level achievement through AP courses and exams. They receive an award certificate, and this achievement is acknowledged on any AP score report that is sent to colleges the following fall.



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



AP[®] from the College Admissions Perspective

- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions*
- Colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admission decision
- AP courses tell college admission officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for the rigors they'll encounter in their college careers

• **Unpublished institutional research, Crux Research Inc., March 2007*

AP[®]: Skills & Advantages that Last a Lifetime

- Nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically earn higher grade point averages in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers*

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

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 \$23,410** for in-state schools (tuition, fees, room/board, misc. expenses).

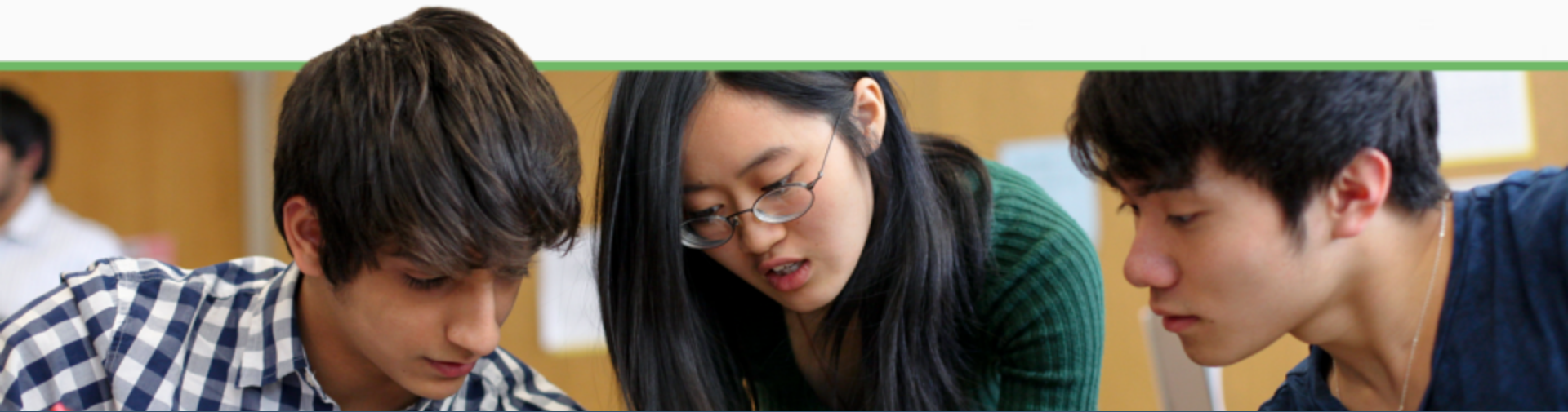
*College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences, *The College Board*, 2008

***The College Board*, Trends in College Pricing 2014, Figure 1

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



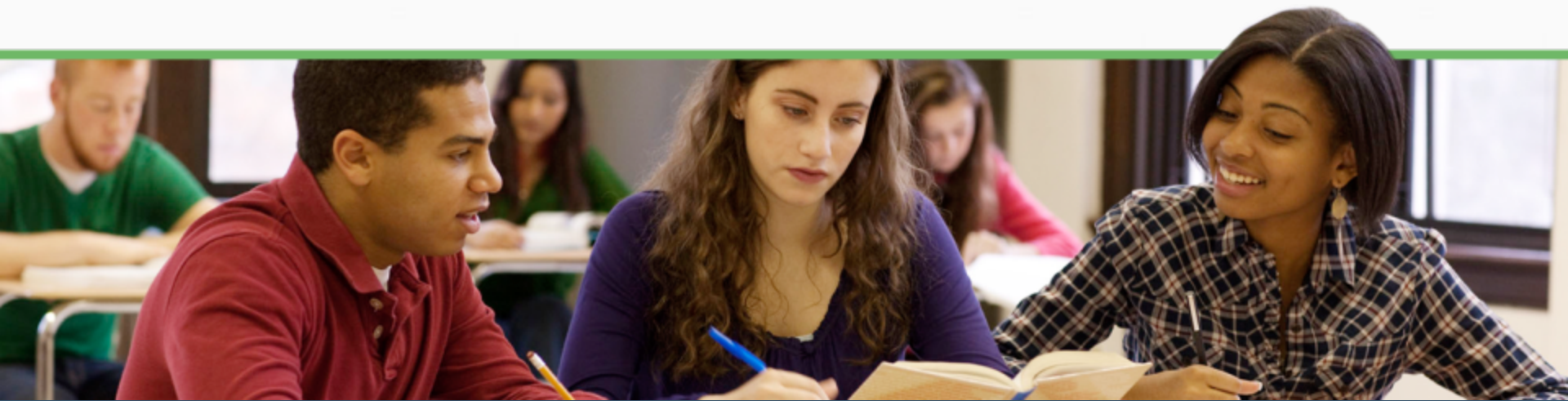
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AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

- 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



AP[®] Exam Fees

- The exam fee for 2018 is \$94 per exam.
- Assistance is available for eligible students with financial need:
 - The College Board offers a fee reduction per exam for eligible students with financial need.
 - Test will be purchased through the ASB Student Store

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 'AP Credit Policy Info' page on the CollegeBoard website. The page has a blue header with the CollegeBoard logo and a search bar. Below the header, there are navigation tabs: 'College Board Tools', 'Wait for College', 'Find a College', 'AP Credit Policy', and 'Pay for College'. The 'AP Credit Policy' tab is selected. The main content area is titled 'AP Credit Policy Info' and 'Advanced Placement Program'. It includes a search bar labeled 'Find colleges and universities with AP credit policy information'. Below the search bar, there are two rows of letters: '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' and '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'. There is a 'School Name' input field and a 'Go' button. Below the input field, there is a note: '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.' The page also includes a 'Topics' section with links to 'AP Credit Policy Info', 'AP International Recognition', 'SAT Subject Registration', and 'Services for Students with Disabilities'. At the bottom, there are links for 'Site Map', 'Contact Us', 'About Us', 'Press', 'Careers', 'Join Us', 'Compliance', 'Terms of Use', and 'Privacy Policy'. The TRUSTe logo is also visible.

- 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

A horizontal band with a green gradient overlay, featuring a blurred image of students in a classroom setting. The text 'What is it like to take AP®?' is centered in white.

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 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.

A horizontal band across the middle of the slide features a green-tinted photograph of three students (two girls and one boy) looking down at something they are holding together, possibly a book or a device. The text is overlaid on this band.

Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices

AP[®]: Start the Conversation

Help your child prepare to talk to a teacher or counselor about AP. Here are some questions to 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?

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 steps do I need to take?

- What is our school's enrollment deadline?
- May I speak with a student who has taken an AP course?
- Are there study groups or people who can offer help if I need it?
- What can I do next to help me prepare for AP?

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



Questions and Answers