



# 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® (AP®) 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

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# What Are Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> Courses?



# Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup>: The Basics

- AP<sup>®</sup> 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





# AP<sup>®</sup>: The Benefits



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- 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<sup>®</sup>: 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"*

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AP<sup>®</sup> Exams



# AP<sup>®</sup> 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



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What is it like to take AP<sup>®</sup>?



# AP<sup>®</sup> Myths & Realities

| Myth   | Reality  |
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| 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



# AP<sup>®</sup>: Start the Conversation

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?

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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?



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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?

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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?

# BC course at a Glance

[AP Calculus BC 2020-21\ap-calculus-ab-bc-course-at-a-glance.pdf](#)

# Approved calculators for ap calculus exam



## Permitted on Tests

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|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SAT*        | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| AP*         | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| PSAT/NMSQT* | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| ACT*        | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| IB*         | • | • | • | • | • | • |

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# Questions and Answers

