



River City High School

West Sacramento - Home of the Raiders

**Welcome to AP Info Night at
River City High School!**

Welcome

- River City High School 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.



Tonight's Objectives

- Explore the benefits of taking AP[®] Courses at River City High School and the future benefits for college and career
- Discuss AP[®] Courses and Expectations at River City High School
- Meet your future AP[®] Teachers



What Are Advanced Placement[®] Courses?

Advanced Placement[®]: The Basics

- AP[®] courses are rigorous college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students take **AP Exams** in May, measuring their mastery of college-level work
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam may earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college

River City High School's Current AP[®] Courses

- **Arts:** Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio
- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** World History,, United States Government and Politics, United States History
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A, Statistics
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- **World languages:** Chinese Language and Culture, French Language and Culture, Spanish Language and Culture

AP[®] at River City High School

- 940 students at River City High School are enrolled in AP courses during the 2019-2020 school year, which is an increase by over 162 students from the previous year
- 453 AP exams were taken last year by our students
- 64% of our students scored a 3 or higher on AP exams last year

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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



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
- 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
- Save money not having to take some introductory-level college courses
- 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 usually at least 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.



- 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



River City High School AP[®] Expectations

AP[®] Expectations at River City High School

- AP classes fulfill graduation and A-G requirements that students need in order to graduate and/or qualify for four-year universities.
- Weighted grades are conferred to students who pass an AP class with a grade of C or higher.
- *Take some time to consider, decisions to enroll for the 2020-2021 school year need to be made by the end February 2020*

AP Contract at RCHS

Student Name _____ ID# _____

Advanced Placement Course Contract

Please read the following statements carefully. Your signature indicates that you understand and agree to abide by the statements and terms below:

1. Some AP classes fulfill graduation and A-G requirements that students need in order to graduate and/or qualify for four-year universities. Be aware that if you fail an AP class in your senior year, you may not have time to make up necessary credits.
2. Weighted grades will only be conferred to students who pass an AP class with a grade of C or higher. Grades of C- and lower will not be conferred the AP weighted grade.
3. Students wishing to drop an AP course must: 1) do so by the 2nd Friday the term; 2) go through Ms. Straessler only; and 3) have a parent/teacher conference.
4. The typical student who benefits from AP classes demonstrates the qualities below. AP coursework is not appropriate for many high school students, and may overwhelm those who are not sufficiently prepared for the increased workload.
 - Highly motivated. Self-directed. Well-organized.
 - Works productively with others.
 - Minimal behavioral problems.
 - Proficient with basic technology.
 - Has post-secondary goal(s)
 - 3.33 or higher GPA in core classes.
 - Grade of B in preceding subject-area class.
 - 90%+ attendance.

I am enrolled in the following AP courses for the 2019-2020 school year:

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| _____ AP Biology | _____ AP English Language & Composition (Grade 11) |
| _____ AP Chemistry | _____ AP English Literature & Composition (Grade 12) |
| _____ AP Environmental Science | _____ AP European History |
| _____ AP Physics | _____ AP U.S. History |
| _____ AP Statistics | _____ AP U.S. Government |
| _____ AP Calculus AB | _____ AP French Language & Culture |
| _____ AP Calculus BC | _____ AP Spanish Language & Culture |
| _____ AP Computer Science Principles | _____ AP Studio Art 2D Design |
| _____ AP Computer Science A | |

_____, parent of _____
Print name of parent/guardian Print name of student

I have read and understand the policies outlined above and agree to their terms as they apply to my child as an AP student at River City High School.

Parent signature Date

I have read and understand the policies outlined above and agree to their terms as they apply to me as an AP student at River City High School.

Student signature Date

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Questions

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Meet Your Future AP Teachers