



An Introduction to the Advanced Placement Program®

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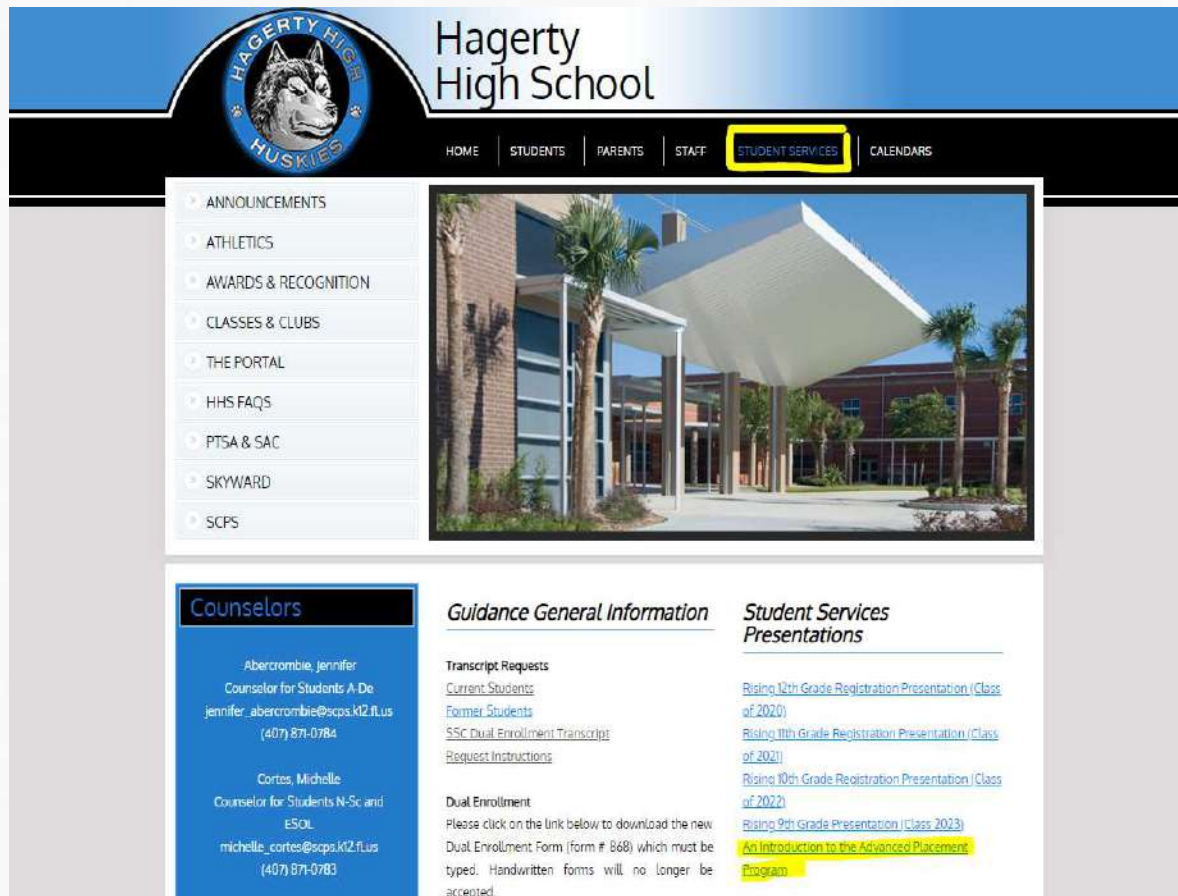
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Agenda

- 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

Find this presentation on the HHS website



The screenshot shows the Hagerty High School website. At the top left is the school logo featuring a husky head inside a circular emblem with the text "HAGERTY HIGH SCHOOL HUSKIES". To the right of the logo is the school name "Hagerty High School". Below the logo and name is a navigation bar with links for HOME, STUDENTS, PARENTS, STAFF, STUDENT SERVICES (highlighted with a yellow box), and CALENDARS. On the left side, there is a vertical menu with links to ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATHLETICS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION, CLASSES & CLUBS, THE PORTAL, HHS FAQs, PTSA & SAC, SKYWARD, and SCPS. The main content area features a large photograph of the school building. Below the photo, there are three columns of text. The first column is titled "Counselors" and lists Jennifer Abercrombie and Michelle Cortes with their contact information. The second column is titled "Guidance General Information" and includes links for Transcript Requests (Current Students, Former Students, SSC Dual Enrollment Transcript, Request Instructions) and Dual Enrollment. The third column is titled "Student Services Presentations" and lists several registration presentations for classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022, along with a link to "An Introduction to the Advanced Placement Program" (highlighted in yellow).

- HHS website
www.hagertyhigh.scps.k12.fl.us
- Click **Student Services**
- Click **General Information**

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

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

Our AP[®] Courses

- **Arts:** Art History, Music Theory, Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio, Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio
- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History, World History
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science Principles, Statistics
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics C, Physics 1
- **World Languages:** French Language and Culture, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture, Chinese Language and Culture
- **Capstone:** Seminar, Research

AP[®] at Hagerty High School

- Number of exams taken last year:
 - 2,080 exams taken by 970 students.
- 76% pass rate. Higher than the district, state and global averages.
- Total Hagerty AP Scholars: 432
 - AP Scholar: 138
 - AP Scholar with Honor: 69
 - AP Scholar with Distinction: 171
 - National AP Scholar: 44
 - AP Capstone Diploma: 10

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AP[®]: The Benefits

AP[®] at Hagerty High School

- Students who take AP courses & exams are much more likely to graduate in four years.
- **31%** of colleges & universities consider a student's AP experience when awarding scholarships.
- **85%** of selective colleges & universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admissions decisions

Source: AP and The Cost of College

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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 workload.
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. AP courses at Hagerty are weighted on a 5.0 scale (A=5, B=4, C=3)
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 school counselor.

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



Our School Offers Support for AP[®] Students

<Discuss the support your school offers for AP students>

Our school offers these resources and programs to support our AP students:

- *<Please fill in your specific supports, such as Peer Tutoring, Group Study Sessions, Special Summer Programs or other programs your school offers.>*

Our Students & Parents: Up Close & Personal

<In this optional section of the presentation, you may choose to invite current or former AP[®] students and parents to make a short presentation or answer questions from those who are attending your open house.>

<See the notes below for question prompts.>



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**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?

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AP[®]: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities: www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy