



# An Introduction to the Advanced Placement Program®

Chilton High School

# Welcome

Chilton 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'll Cover

- 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



# 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

# Our AP<sup>®</sup> Courses

- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Seminar
  - **History and Social Sciences:** European History, Human Geography, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History
  - **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB & Calculus BC
  - **Technology:** Computer Science
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- *During the 2016-17 school year, Chilton High School administered 71 AP Exams to 50 students.*
  - *During the 2017-18 school year, Chilton High School administered 69 AP Exams to 47 students.*



# AP<sup>®</sup>: 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<sup>®</sup> 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• *\*Unpublished institutional research, Crux Research Inc., March 2007*

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	Rank which elements are factored into admissions decisions. 1 being most important				
	Rigorous courses taken	Grade point average	Grades in rigorous courses	Class rank	Evidence of service
UW-Whitewater	1	2	3	4	5
UW-Stevens Point	1	3	2	4	5
Marquette University	1	3	2	4	5
Lawrence University	1	3	2	4	5
UW-Eau Claire	1	4	2	3	5
UW-Milwaukee	2	1	3	5	4
Carthage College	2	1	3	5	4
Wisconsin Lutheran College	3	1	2	5	4
AVERAGE	1.5	2.25	2.38	4.25	4.63

# 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
- 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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> Expands Students' Options

When students earn college credit through AP Exams, their options and opportunities expand:

- Move to upper-level college courses sooner
- Register earlier
- Pursue a double major
- Gain time to study and travel abroad



# AP<sup>®</sup>: A More Engaging Learning Experience

AP courses challenge students to work and participate at a higher level:

- Opportunities to explore topics in depth
- More time in and out of the classroom required to complete assignments and projects
- High expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evidence, multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications

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# AP<sup>®</sup> Exams

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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<sup>®</sup> Exam Fees

- The exam fee for 2019 is \$94 per exam. No change from last year.
- Assistance is available for eligible students with financial need:
  - The College Board offers a \$32 fee reduction per exam for eligible students with financial need (must qualify for free/reduced meal program).
  - Additional funding assistance may be available from the school district to cover the remaining cost

# Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP<sup>®</sup> credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at

[www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy](http://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

# Credit and Placement Resources

Here are a few more resources that may be helpful to look up how AP credits will transfer:

- [University of Wisconsin System - Acceptance of Advanced Placement Examinations](#)
- [St. Norbert's College - Transfer Credit & Policy](#)
- [Marquette University - AP, CLEP, IB and college credit transfer](#)
- [U of Minnesota Advanced Placement Course Awards](#)
- [http://www.lawrence.edu/admissions/apply/college\\_credit](http://www.lawrence.edu/admissions/apply/college_credit)
- [CollegeBoard - AP Credit Policy Info](#)

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

# AP<sup>®</sup> 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.

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## 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 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<sup>®</sup>: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: [apstudent.collegeboard.org](https://apstudent.collegeboard.org)
- College and Career Planning: [bigfuture.org](https://bigfuture.org)
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup> results: My College QuickStart™  
[www.collegeboard.org/quickstart](https://www.collegeboard.org/quickstart)
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities:  
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# Other Options at CHS:

Transcripted Credit  
Advanced Standing  
Distance Learning

# Transcripted Credit

- ▶ Transcripted credit allows students in High School to earn credit from Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC). These courses are taught by teachers that are certified through FVTC.
  - ▶ Grades are posted to the students high school transcripts as well as to the official technical college transcript.
  - ▶ Courses offered at CHS:
    - Written Communication/Oral Communication
    - Accounting I
    - Personal Finance
    - MS Office Suite
    - Chilton Area Professional Project Studies
    - Certified Nursing Assistant
    - Intro to Welding Safety
    - Welding Print Reading
    - Welding Symbols
    - GMAW Welding Techniques
- ▶ There is no fee to take these courses

# Advanced Standing

- ▶ FVTC agreement with Chilton High School
  - ▶ Students who complete a course designated as having Advanced Standing at their high school may receive credit from their high school and become eligible to receive advanced standing from WI technical colleges.
- ▶ All WI technical colleges will accept advanced standing from other technical colleges if the course competencies and credits are comparable.
- ▶ Students are eligible to receive technical college advanced standing credit if:
  - ▶ they successfully complete an advanced standing course
  - ▶ enroll in a technical college degree program
  - ▶ present documentation of the completion of the high school course
- ▶ FVTC will make the final determination of the awarding of advanced standing.

# Advanced Standing Cont.

- ▶ Courses students can take for Advanced Standing at CHS:
  - ▶ Psychology
  - ▶ Sociology
  - ▶ Math for the Trades
  - ▶ Greenhouse Management & Landscape Design
  - ▶ Small Animal & Veterinary Care
- ▶ There is no fee to take these courses

# Distance Learning - ITV

- ▶ The ITV Network is comprised of area high schools, FVTC, Northwest Technical College (NWTC), and UW Fox Valley
- ▶ Classes are two-way interactive full motion video and audio transmission.
- ▶ This distance learning network expands and enhances high school curriculum, and offers unique opportunities to students.
- ▶ Classes students can register for at CHS:
  - ▶ Medical Terminology
  - ▶ Criminal Justice Systems
  - ▶ American Sign Language
- ▶ There is no fee for students to take this course if they earn a passing grade.
- ▶ Advanced standing and/or college credit may be earned as well.

# Questions??



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