

Advanced Placement in Austin ISD

Course offerings will vary by availability and demand at different campuses. **Please check with your school counselor to determine which courses may be available.**

Some of the courses that MAY be offered:

Art History
Biology
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Chemistry
Computer Science A
English Language and Composition
English Literature and Composition
Environmental Science
European History
French Language
German Language
Government and Politics: Comparative
Government and Politics: United States
Human Geography
Japanese Language and Culture
Latin: Vergil
Macroeconomics
Microeconomics
Music Theory
Physics B
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Physics C: Mechanics
Psychology
Spanish Language
Spanish Literature
Statistics
Studio Art: 2-D Design
Studio Art: 3-D Design
Studio Art: Drawing
United States History
World History



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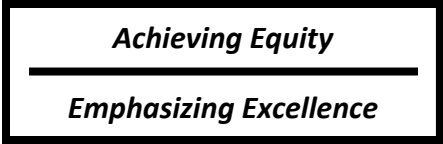
ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM



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What does Pre-AP mean?

The Pre-AP program in Austin ISD is a level of challenging courses designed to teach students strong study skills and learning strategies. These courses build on the strengths of students and prepare them to experience success in Advanced Placement courses.



- Typically grades 6-10, offered district-wide
- Teachers receive specialized training from the College Board
- Academically rigorous
- Emphasis is on critical thinking, additional reading, research, writing, and as appropriate, advanced performance expectations

Students are encouraged to take Pre-AP courses prior to enrolling in AP courses. The skills and content students learn in Pre-AP courses help them prepare for success in Advanced Placement courses.



What is Advanced Placement?

The Advanced Placement program is a sequence of college-level courses taught in high schools by high school teachers with specialized training.

- Offered at all Austin ISD high schools
- 37 courses offered in 22 subject areas
- Typically grades 11-12, offered district-wide
- Academically rigorous
- Weighted GPA
- College Board monitored and authorized curriculum
- Potential college credit based on student's performance on exam

Benefits of Advanced Placement

Students who take AP courses will challenge themselves, sharpen their academic skills, and learn to think independently. Studies have shown that students who take AP courses are:

- Better prepared academically for college admission on all measures of ability and achievement
- Able to perform significantly better over four years in college
- More likely to be leaders and have significant accomplishments.

Responsibilities of AP Students

Successful AP students

- Are motivated and prepared for challenge
- Recognize relationships between ideas
- Explore and reflect on multiple perspectives
- Develop and hone research skills
- Generate and pursue thoughtful questions
- Work productively with others
- Organize materials effectively and plan time efficiently.

Advanced Placement Exams

Students taking an AP course are encouraged to take the AP exam that is administered in May. All AP Exams (except Studio Art) contain multiple-choice questions and free-response essay questions.

Each exam is scored on the following five-point scale:

- 5** - EXTREMELY WELL QUALIFIED
- 4** - WELL QUALIFIED
- 3** - QUALIFIED
- 2** - POSSIBLY QUALIFIED
- 1** - NO RECOMMENDATION

Many colleges and universities accept scores of 3 or higher on AP exams for college credit. Results of the exams are sent to colleges and universities that the student designates.

Every AP course meets recognized national standards that are measured by performance on AP exams. Each AP teacher's course syllabus is reviewed by a college or university professor prior to being authorized by the College Board.

The College Board is a non-profit membership association whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Among its best-known programs are the SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT, and the Advanced Placement Program.

Visit the parent and student sections of the College Board's website at:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/>



For specific information on Pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement offerings at your school, contact your student's guidance counselor.