



Advanced Placement Program

The Advanced Placement (AP) program is for any student who is academically prepared and motivated to take on college-level courses while still in high school. High schools offer an array of AP courses (more than 30 available) to support students in earning college credit by passing an AP exam(s) given annually in May. The AP program is administered by the College Board (<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>).

Courses Offered in Sacramento County Schools

AP Capstone

- AP Research
- AP Seminar

Arts

- AP Art History
- AP Music Theory
- AP Studio Art: 2-D Design
- AP Studio Art: 3-D Design
- AP Studio Art: Drawing

English

- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition

History & Social Science

- AP Comparative Government & Politics
- AP European History
- AP Human Geography
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Psychology
- AP United States Government & Politics
- AP United States History
- AP World History

Math & Computer Science

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Statistics

Sciences

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Sciences
- AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based
- AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based

World Languages & Cultures

- AP Chinese Language & Culture
- AP French Language & Culture
- AP German Language & Culture
- AP Italian Language & Culture
- AP Japanese Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture
- AP Latin

Frequently Asked Questions

Who Is Eligible?

- The AP Program is for any student who is academically prepared and motivated to take on college-level courses.
- Entry requirements may vary from district to district; connect with a school counselor for your school's specific requirements.

What Is the AP Exam?

- An AP exam is a test that determines if a student has learned the concepts required to receive college-level credit for an AP course.
- The AP exams contain multiple-choice questions and a free-response section.
- The AP exams are offered every year in May.
- Students can take as many AP exams as they like.

What Does the AP Exam Score Mean?

- The exam is scored from 1-5 with a score of 5 being the highest possible.
- Many colleges and universities grant credit and placement for scores of 3, 4 or 5.
- The reward each of these scores earns is decided by the institution, so check with your college or university for clarification.

What Are the Costs for the Course and Exam?

- There is no cost to enroll and attend an AP course.
- The fee for each AP exam is \$93. (Fee is subject to change.)
- Exam fee waivers may be available for income-qualifying students. Check with the school counselor to learn more.
- When a student is taking an AP course, he or she may choose to not take the AP exam without penalty from their district. Again, college credit cannot be awarded without passing the AP exam.
- Students can choose to take the AP exam without taking the AP course.

How Do I Get Started?

- First, explore your course options. Then, schedule a meeting with a school counselor to talk about your next steps.

Learn more at www.exploreap.org or contact edpathways@scoe.net.