



# An Overview of the CHS Advanced Placement Program®

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# Our AP<sup>®</sup> Courses

- **Arts:** Music Theory, Studio Art: Drawing, Studio Art: 2-D Design , Studio Art 2-D Design Digital, Studio Art: 3-D Design
- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** United States Government and Politics, Human Geography, World History, European History, Psychology, United States History, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Comparative Government and Politics
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Statistics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science Principles (Application Process), Computer Science A
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics I, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism,
- **World languages:** French Language and Culture, Latin, Spanish Language and Culture, Chinese Language and Culture
- **AP Capstone Diploma:** 2-year Commitment including AP Seminar Course then AP Research (plus 4 other courses with 3+)

# AP<sup>®</sup> at Chattahoochee High School

- 852 students took 1890 AP exams last year
- 93.1% Pass rate across all of the exams taken (3 or higher);
  - 13 Courses with a mean score of 4 or better
  - Overall Mean of 4.17 !!!
- AP Scholars demonstrate superior college-level achievement through AP courses and exams. They receive an award certificate, and this achievement is acknowledged on any AP score report that is sent to colleges the following fall.
  - AP Scholars – **405** students
  - National AP Scholars – **68** students

AP Success at Chattahoochee is based upon AP Instructor and Student commitment through Relationship, Rigor, Relevance, Service = Impactful Experience

# AP<sup>®</sup>: The Benefits

- 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 –  
FLEXIBILITY and COST SAVINGS





## AP Registration for 2019-20

### Registration Process

Department Teachers have conversations with their current students and process recommendations (January)

Two courses have a separate application process (AP Capstone- Seminar Course and AP Computer Science Principles – by early February)

Students Receive Verifications and can Elect to take AP if not recommended if district placement guidelines are met (requires parent and student signature and agreement with responsibilities on the verification form) (February)

Serious consideration should be given by the student and the parent to elect into an AP course if not recommended.

Registration is based upon space availability. Some courses may not actually “make” if a minimum number of students are not registered.

## Guidelines

1. A healthy progression for AP generally follows a sequential process of adding 1 AP course per year. Students should normally avoid adding 2 or more additional AP courses from their current load.
2. The rigors of AP at Chattahoochee are real and designed to challenge students at a level at least equal to the average state university or better. Students should have the motivation as well as the academic preparedness to successfully navigate the challenge of AP.
3. Students should be mindful of graduation requirements and curricular expectations by grade level at CHS and plan accordingly to make space for additional course offerings desired.
4. Students are recommended to maintain balance and progression. Be wary of overloading or adding too much when considering the overall and extra-curricular demands of the student's holistic schedule.

# 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. Fulton County awards 7 honors points for passed AP courses.
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.

# College Admissions Officials In Their Own Words

[AP Program: The impact of AP credit and placement on the college experience](#)



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

- AP information:  
<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap>  
<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap/for-parents>  
[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:  
[www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy](https://www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy)