

Registration Information About Advanced Placement (AP) Classes
Sign and return with registration form if you're registering for an AP class

Who Should Sign Up for an Advanced Placement (AP) Class?

Grades in the class preceding the AP class*:	Eligible to sign up for AP class?	Should sign up for AP class?
B+ or higher in both semesters	Yes	Should very strongly consider – grades show you're a strong student up to the challenge
B- or B in both semesters	Yes	Should definitely think about it, but think carefully about the number of AP classes taken at one time
C+ or lower in either semester	No	Shouldn't think about it; grades show you're not ready for the AP level yet

* Because the registration for classes is done *before* 2nd semester grades are finalized, this means a student may be denied registration for an AP class if his / her 2nd semester grade in the preceding class is below a B-.

Teachers are often asked about how hard an AP class is; the answer really depends on the preparedness and work ethic of a given student. If a student has regularly earned high grades in a given academic discipline, then the AP class is probably the right choice; for them, it's the next logical step. If a student has earned good, but lower, grades (say, like B or B- grades) then the AP class will be more challenging – which depending on the student might be the right step or could be too much.

Expectations about Advanced Placement (AP) Classes

AP classes are designed to give a student a chance to take an advanced, upper level course. Each student will be doing college-level work throughout the year. In May, a national exam is held to test the student's knowledge of the subject studied. Students who do well on this exam may be able to earn college credit and / or placement. All students signing up for an AP class are expected to take the AP exam in the spring.

In order to be successful in an AP class, a student must be ready to make a serious commitment to work throughout the year. An AP course is designed as a college-level course. Therefore, the pace, level of thought expected, and grading standards are set accordingly.

Students in an AP course should commit to:

- 50 – 60 minutes of homework for each class period
- 4 – 6 mandatory class sessions during January Term
- Independent work over January Term, Winter Break, and Spring Break
- Possible Saturday sessions: these would include laboratory sessions for AP science courses, and exam preparation sessions for all AP classes
- Possible mandatory work over the summer to prepare for the class
- Taking the AP exam in May

Student Signature: _____

Parental Signature: _____