

**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?**

<b>Grades in the class preceding the AP class*:</b>	<b>Eligible to sign up for AP class?</b>	<b>Should sign up for AP class?</b>
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* 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grades are finalized, this means a student may be denied registration for an AP class if his/her 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_