

PATTERSON HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED PLACEMENT



HISTORY OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AT PHS

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- 1992 – Started with 2 AP courses
 1. AP US History
 2. AP English Literature

CURRENT AP/HONORS COURSES

- 3 Sections of English 9 Honors
- 3 Sections of English 10 Honors
- 2 Sections of AP Language and Composition
- 2 Sections of AP Literature and Composition
- 1 Section of AP European History
- 3 Sections of AP US History
- 1 Section of AP Government & Politics
- 1 Section of AP Computer Science

CURRENT AP/HONORS COURSES

- 1 Section of AP Statistics
- 1 Section of AP Calculus AB
- 1 Section of AP Calculus BC
- 1 Section of AP Spanish Literature
- 2 Sections of AP Spanish Language
- 2 Sections of AP Studio Art
- 1 Section AP Biology
- 2 Sections of AP Environmental

CURRENT AP/HONORS COURSES

- 1 Section of AP Physics
- 1 Section of AP Art History

Total of 18 courses and 29 sections!

*AP Chemistry (pending student interest)

HISTORY OF STUDENTS TAKING AP EXAMS

- APPROXIMATELY 40 STUDENTS TOOK AP EXAMS DURING THE FIRST FEW YEARS
- NOW...OVER 370 AP TESTS WILL BE GIVEN IN MAY

WORKLOAD OF AP/HONORS COURSES

WHO IS AN AP/HONORS STUDENT?

- **AP courses require in-depth study and a willingness to go beyond usual class requirements and preparation (including summer & winter assignments).**
- **The student must be willing to invest the time and effort.**

Why do students take AP classes?

1. Rigor for college
2. Weighted GPA

HOW MANY AP/HONORS COURSES SHOULD I TAKE?

- IT DEPENDS ON THE STUDENT, BUT.....
- WE RECOMMEND A STUDENT SHOULD NOT TAKE MORE THAN 2 IN ANY SCHOOL YEAR
- REVIEW THE AP WORKSHEET FOR TIME REQUIREMENTS OF EACH COURSE OF STUDY
- EXPECT TO WORK HARD IF TAKING 2 OR MORE

HOW DO I PREPARE MYSELF?

- BE PREPARED TO WORK HARD
- BE PREPARED TO STUDY A MINIMUM OF 1 HOUR EACH NIGHT PER COURSE
- BE PREPARED TO SACRIFICE
- BE PREPARED TO STRUGGLE
- BE PREPARED TO BE FRUSTRATED
- BE PREPARED TO FEEL REWARDED FOR GIVING YOUR BEST EFFORT!

Time Management is Key

Calendar a Day

If you plan to take 3 AP Classes..

- About 1.5 hours per class.
- Equals about 4.5 hours a night for only 3 classes
- Imagine you get home at 6 PM from sports or band

Day		Date
Subject	Assignment	
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DROPPING AP OR HONORS COURSES

INVALID REASONS TO DROP AN AP/HONORS COURSE

- I didn't do the required summer work
- The class is too difficult
- I'm not doing as well as I'm accustomed
- I don't like the teacher or the way he/she teaches
- I'm too busy and involved in sports, drama etc.
- I have a job
- I'm stressed out

SO HOW DO I DROP AN AP COURSE AND WHEN CAN I DROP A COURSE?

- YOU DON'T AND YOU CAN'T!
- The student is making a commitment, and if the student is accepted into an AP class, he/she **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DROP THE CLASS.**

NEXT STEPS...

- Review AP Worksheet - NOTE TIME REQUIREMENTS.
- Review AP/Honors
 - All AP/Honors contracts are located on the back of the student's ballots they need to be signed by the student, teacher, parent.
 - Anyone interested in taking 3 or more AP classes will need to complete a Google Form available on the school website on February 7th (starting tonight!)
 - You will need to make an appointment to meet with an administrator by March 8th. Please contact Lauren Cozart at 209-892-4750 ext 27112 to make an appointment.



- Apps
- Board of Trustees
- Course Catalog 2016-2017
- District Office
- Documents
- Jostens Contact Information
- New Students
- Parent Resources >
- Principal's Office
- Request for AP Courses**
- Request for AP Courses ability
- Report Card
- Sports Schedules
- SSC
- Support Services
- Tips
- Yearbook



What's Happening

Students, if you would like to receive athletic PE [counseling office](#) by February 28th, 2017.

[AthleticPEcreditrequest.pdf](#)

Upcoming Events

- FEB 16** Mininum Day - 12:05 Dismissal All Day
- PHS Open House Night 5:00PM - 7:00PM
- Senior Parent Meeting 5:30PM - 6:00PM



Request for AP Courses

This form needs to be completed by students who are REQUESTING to take 3 OR MORE AP courses. Students planning to take three or more AP classes need to make an appointment to with the Principal or the Vice Principal of Curriculum by March 9, 2017.

* Required

Student Last Name *

Your answer

Student First Name *

Your answer

Student ID Number *

Your answer

Current Grade Level *

ADVANCED PLACEMENT
TEACHERS

AP EXAMS

Why take the AP Exam?

- The AP Exam is the final step you take after a year of hard work in an AP class to measure how well you have mastered the content and skills of the course.
- Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less.*

***Source:** Camara, Wayne (2003). College Persistence, Graduation, and Remediation. *College Board Research Notes (RN-19)*. New York, NY: College Board.

Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.



- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy

AP Exam Information

AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

Exams are typically 2–4 hours and include:

- Multiple-choice questions
- Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response
- Once the exam begins, students are required to stay the duration of the exam. Students will not be excused from the testing center until time is over.

QUESTIONS

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