



An Introduction to the Advanced Placement Program®

Cocalico High School
2022

What We'll Cover

- What are Advanced Placement® Courses?
- The Benefits
- AP® Exams
- What Is It Like to Take AP?
- Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices
- Q & A

Welcome

Cocalico is committed to every student's success.

We believe access to rigorous course work such as Advanced Placement® (AP®) plays an important role in that success.



A green-tinted background image showing a group of diverse students in a classroom setting, looking at a laptop screen together.

What Are Advanced Placement[®] Courses?

Advanced Placement[®]: The Basics

- AP[®] courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students take **AP Exams** at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college

Our AP[®] Courses

- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** European History, Microeconomics, United States History, United States Government and Politics
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Statistics
- **Sciences:** Biology, Physics 2: Algebra-based
- **World Language:** Spanish Language and Culture, German Language and Culture

AP[®] at Cocalico

- ▶ Most AP Courses will have pre-requisites
- ▶ AP Courses are on a weighted scale of 5
- ▶ Some AP Courses will have summer work required
- ▶ Most AP courses will have study sessions available to the student to prepare for the exam in May
- ▶ The Educational Planning Guide outlines the prerequisites/grade requirements a student must have to take any advanced placement course

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AP[®]: The Benefits

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- 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



AP[®] from the College Admissions Perspective

- Colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admission decision
- AP courses tell college admission officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for the rigors they'll encounter in their college careers
- Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success

AP[®] Expands Students' Options

When students earn college credit through AP Exams, their options and opportunities expand:

- Move to upper-level college courses sooner
- Pursue a double major
- Gain time to study and travel abroad



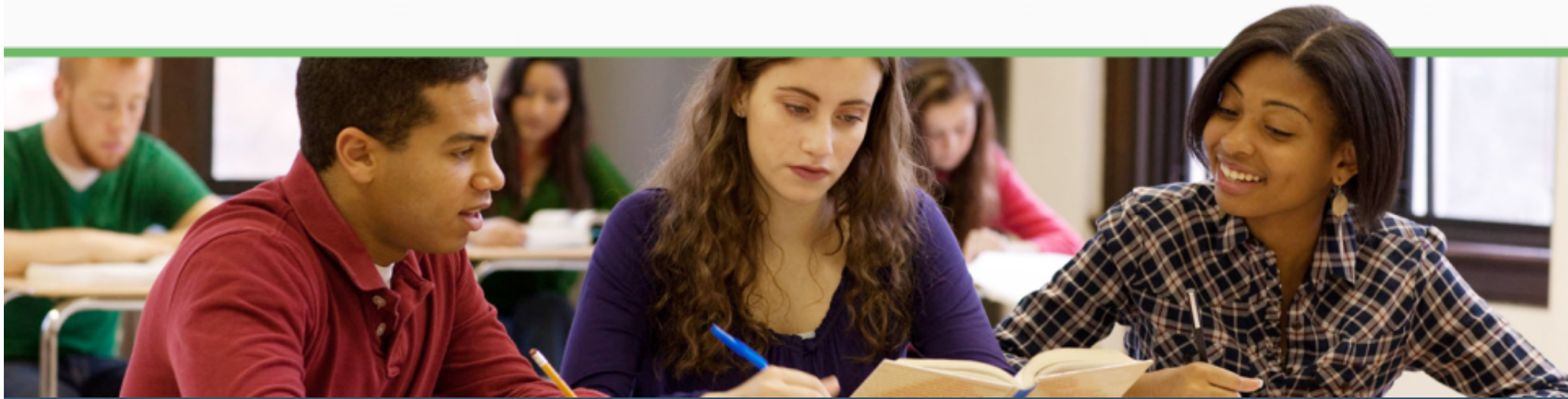
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AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

- Exams are typically 2–3 hours and include:
 - Multiple-choice questions
 - Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response



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.

A screenshot of the AP Credit Policy Info website. The page features a navigation bar with the CollegeBoard logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there are several tabs: "College Board Tools", "Plan for College", "Find a College", "AP Courses", and "Pay for College". The main content area is titled "AP[®] AP Credit Policy Info" and includes a sub-heading "Advanced Placement Program". It contains a search bar labeled "School Name" and a list of search filters including "AP[®] AP", "Registering", "Prerequisite", "College & Role", "Exam Day", "Exam Grades", "Exam Scores", "Contact Us", and "Subjects". The page also includes a "Truste" logo in the bottom right corner.

- 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[®]: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT[®] results: My College QuickStart™ www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities: www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy

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What is it like to take AP[®]?

AP[®] Myths & Realities

| Myth | Reality |
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| 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. | AP courses have our highest weight - 5. Dual-enrollment courses also have a weight of 5. Taking AP courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically. |
| 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. |

Cocalico AP Experience

- Scheduling AP courses
- Consideration of AP course workload and extracurricular activities
- The exam fee for 2022 is \$96 per exam. (There is a \$40 late registration fee for any student who misses the registration deadline.)

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Questions and Answers