

## 21-22 North Star Online School AP PROGRAM STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

Advanced Placement (AP) courses at North Star School offer challenging and rewarding opportunities for highly motivated students to increase their learning as they offer college-level work to students who are still enrolled in high school. These courses may require extensive reading, writing, research, problem-solving, and discussion that may not be required in regular-level courses. It is important that students display the proper commitment and mindset required to successfully complete these courses before being placed into them.

***Please initial each item below and complete the information at the bottom of the page to indicate your understanding.***

\_\_\_\_\_ Placement in an AP class should be discussed with the student's parent(s)/guardian(s), counselor, and teachers. Student must speak with current and future teachers in specific disciplines regarding their preparedness for the rigor of the curriculum as it is a crucial step in the course selection process. Enrolling in an AP class automatically requires you to take the associated AP Exam (\$95)

\_\_\_\_\_ Students are expected to remain in AP classes for the entire school year. If the teacher feels a student is not meeting the academic and citizenship requirements of the course, he or she will help facilitate a discussion with the student, parent(s)/guardian(s), counselor, and administrator to identify problem areas and specify solutions.

\_\_\_\_\_ Counselors will not remove students from AP classes because students are unhappy with their grades or their load is too heavy. Students who have questions regarding their grades/progress in their class(es) are expected to discuss the issue with the teacher first.

\_\_\_\_\_ All teachers want their students to succeed. Therefore, students must communicate if and when they are having difficulties. Student input is a necessity in ensuring that students succeed at their highest levels possible.

\_\_\_\_\_ Students are required to take the AP exam(s) for the course(s) in which they are enrolled. No matter the score received, the amount of learning that has taken place will put students above their counterparts who are beginning college without the benefit of AP classes.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Students are required to pay all AP exam fees (approximately \$95 each) to the bookkeeper by the deadline of October 15<sup>th</sup>.** Students who have concerns about these fees should speak to the counselor or Mrs. Hardy and/or the bookkeeper for payment options.

\_\_\_\_\_ ***Students who do NOT take the AP Exam for the associated course will not earn the .050 GPA bump on their transcript. The course will default to Honors level.***

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_