

Welcome new AP Parents!!!

“Our potential is one thing. What we do with it is quite another.”
– Angela Duckworth, *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance*

What is Advanced Placement (AP)?

- College level courses (Introductory/101) offered in high school
- Students take AP exams at the end of the course to measure their mastery of the coursework
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced level courses in college

GHS currently offers 16+ different AP Courses!

AP Tests are at school, during the school day in May, here's the schedule



You can search college score requirements here



EACH AP Exam is \$96. Due to the bookkeeper by March 2nd.

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Benefits of Taking AP Courses

- 85% of selective colleges report that having AP experience favorably impacts admission decision.
- Colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses (AP) and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admissions decision
- AP courses tell college admissions officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for the rigors they will encounter in their college careers
- Nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP exam typically earn higher grade point averages in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers
- Students who take AP course are the least likely to need remedial courses at college
- Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a college degree on time (4-years) representing a significant savings in college

Myth

Reality

AP is for students who always get good grades.

AP courses are for any student who is academically prepared and motivated to take on college-level courses.

Taking AP courses could hurt my child's GPA.

Many schools use GPA weighting to acknowledge the additional effort required by AP. In addition, a decision to take an AP course shows admission officers a willingness to take on the academic challenge of college-level course work and expectations.

AP courses are too stressful.

It's no secret that AP courses are challenging, but the support students receive from their classmates and teachers can help ease their worries.

I don't know if my child 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 better on an AP Exam.

Tips for AP Success

1 Sometimes all it takes is a little encouragement.

Often, students don't believe that they're AP "material." But the truth is that many students have the ability and motivation to succeed in AP courses, if they give themselves a chance. Students do need solid academic preparation and, of course, the commitment to meet the challenge head on. Parents can build students' confidence by reminding them that they already show that determination when they do the things that matter to them in areas such as sports, music or school subjects they're passionate about. That commitment, creativity and curiosity can make all the difference in AP courses.

2 Talk to your child about AP.

It's always a good idea to remind students to pick courses that match their interests, talents and priorities. Remind them to consider the classes they've already taken and the ones they were strong in, enjoyed more or found to be most interesting. Chances are, those courses can be launching pads for successful AP experiences.

3 Set reasonable expectations.

AP courses require students to do research and reading outside of class, and many students participate in study groups or tutoring sessions to stay on track. It's important for students to think about the amount of work they'll have so they can succeed in the courses they choose. You can support your child by designating specific areas in your home for schoolwork and study, and helping prioritize classes, activities, and home and work commitments.

GHS AP PRO TIPS

Check IC frequently

AP students ALWAYS have homework, even if nothing is due they should be reading or studying

Email teachers for content specific study tips

Students should be using a planner as part of time management & organization

Most teachers are available during 7th period Academic Success help.

Parents of seniors: Keep an eye out for Parent University and Career Center Events to get your student signed up for college and financial aid