

ADVANCED PLACEMENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Lakota East High School

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- ▶ AP courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- ▶ Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- ▶ Expectations are at the college level
 - ▶ higher level thinking required
- ▶ 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
- ▶ AP = National Standard

WHAT ARE ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES?



- ▶ Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills
- ▶ Experience in taking college level tests
- ▶ 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

WHY SHOULD I TAKE AN AP COURSE?



- ▶ 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions (*Crux Research, Inc, March 2007)
- ▶ 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 rigor they will encounter in college
- ▶ http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oU_05qC2QAM&list=PLoGgviqq4846ZE2EhrSWv1LFbXzRLGjG4&index=7

AP FROM THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PERSPECTIVE



- ▶ Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and ESSENTIAL time management and study skills needed for college success
- ▶ Nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically earn higher GPAs in college (*2009, The College Board)

AP: SKILLS AND ADVANTAGES



- ▶ AP Courses challenge students to work and participate at a higher level
 - ▶ Opportunities to explore topics in depth
 - ▶ More time in and out of the classroom required to complete assignments and projects
 - ▶ High expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evidence, multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications

AP: A MORE ENGAGING LEARNING EXPERIENCE



- ▶ 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
- ▶ 2017 Exam Cost = \$93/exam
 - ▶ Assistance is available for eligible students with demonstrated financial need—please contact student's counselor for more information

AP EXAMS



- ▶ Accommodations on AP Exams:
 - ▶ Students who receive accommodations through an IEP or 504 Plan **may or may not** be eligible to receive accommodations on AP Exams.
 - ▶ Requests for accommodations will be submitted (at your request) to College Board, however, College Board reserves the right to approve/deny all accommodations at their discretion.
 - ▶ Please contact your student's counselor with additional questions.

AP EXAMS





- ▶ Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP credit and placement.
- ▶ Information can be found at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy

CREDIT AND PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Myth	Reality
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.	A grade of C- and higher will be weighted 1.0 in GPA. **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.

AP MYTHS AND REALITIES



- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Calculus AB
- ▶ Calculus BC
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Computer Science Principles
- ▶ Computer Science A
- ▶ English Language and Composition
- ▶ English Literature and Composition
- ▶ Environmental Science
- ▶ European History
- ▶ French Language/Culture
- ▶ Government and Politics
- ▶ Human Geography
- ▶ Latin
- ▶ Economics (Micro/Macro)
- ▶ Physics C: Mechanics
- ▶ Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Spanish Language/Culture
- ▶ Statistics
- ▶ Studio Art: Drawing
- ▶ United States History

EAST AP COURSES



- ▶ Every student's situation is different
- ▶ Consider the following:
 - ▶ Previous success in subject area
 - ▶ Teacher recommendation
 - ▶ Work ethic
 - ▶ Student commitments outside of the school day
 - ▶ Level of interest in the subject
 - ▶ What opportunities might this present as you enter your first year of post-secondary study?

FACTORS IN YOUR DECISION



- ▶ Contact AP Teachers for additional information—teachers available on Main Street tonight
- ▶ Registration process for 2017-2018 is underway. Start thinking about options
- ▶ Take time to talk at home about what taking an AP Course means to your school life next year as well as your educational career into the future
- ▶ **IMPORTANT:** Schedule changes will not be made for students who register for an AP course but later decide they do not wish to take the course or fail to complete summer coursework

WHAT'S NEXT?



- ▶ AP information:
apstudent.collegeboard.org
- ▶ College and Career Planning:
bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- ▶ Personalized feedback 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

AP RESOURCES



- ▶ Contact AP teachers with specific course questions.
- ▶ Contact your student's counselor.
- ▶ AP Coordinator:
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QUESTIONS?

