



# AP 101 Workshop: Promoting Access and Success in Advanced Placement Classes



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*"AP classes don't just prepare you for college; they prepare you for life by teaching critical thinking, time management, and perseverance."*

# Agenda

1. What is AP?
2. Discuss the benefits of taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses
3. Advanced Placement course offerings at Huntington High School
4. Advanced Placement Capstone Program
5. Advanced Placement Scholars and Honor Roll
6. Breakout Sessions: Presentations from our Advanced Placement Teachers and Students



## What is AP?

### “AP” stands for Advanced Placement

- AP courses are challenging, with content that better prepares students for the rigors of college.
- Every AP course has an end-of-course AP Exam.
  - If a student passes the exam with a score of 3+ they could earn college credit for the course.
  - AP exam scores can be included in college applications.
  - [AP Credit Policy Search](#) - Use this tool to find colleges that offer credit or placement for AP scores.



# The Impact of AP Participation

## College Readiness and Success

- **AP students are more likely to graduate on time:**
  - **65%** of AP students graduate in 4 years, compared to **39%** of non-AP students. *(Source: College Board, 2021)*
- **Higher first-year college GPAs:**
  - AP students average a GPA of **3.3**, compared to **2.9** for non-AP students. *(Source: National Center for Educational Achievement)*

## College Enrollment and Retention

- **Higher college enrollment rates:**
  - **75%** of AP students enroll in college immediately after high school, compared to **60%** of non-AP students. *(Source: College Board, 2020)*
- **Improved retention rates:**
  - AP students are **24%** more likely to stay in college after their first year. *(Source: National Bureau of Economic Research)*



## Benefits of Taking AP Courses

- **College Preparation:** Experience college-level coursework early.
- **Earn College Credit:** Save on tuition with qualifying AP exam scores.
- **Skill Development:** Build critical thinking, problem-solving, and time management skills.
- **Stronger College Applications:** Stand out with a rigorous academic transcript.
- **Scholarship Opportunities:** Increase eligibility for merit-based awards.
- **Explore Interests:** Dive deeper into subjects you're passionate about.
- **AP Capstone Program:** Gain research, collaboration, and presentation expertise through AP Seminar and AP Research.



# AP Myths & Realities

Myths	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 workload.
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 weighting. 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.



# Huntington High School Advanced Placement Courses

<b>AP African American Studies</b>	<b>AP Government &amp; Politics: United States</b>	<b>AP Precalculus</b>
<b>AP Biology</b>	<b>AP Human Geography</b>	<b>AP Psychology</b>
<b>AP Calculus AB</b>	<b>AP Italian Language and Culture</b>	<b>AP Research</b>
<b>AP Calculus BC</b>	<b>AP Language and Composition</b>	<b>AP Seminar</b>
<b>AP Chemistry</b>	<b>AP Latin Language</b>	<b>AP Spanish Language and Culture</b>
<b>AP Computer Science Applications</b>	<b>AP Literature and Composition</b>	<b>AP Spanish Literature and Culture</b>
<b>AP Computer Science Principles</b>	<b>AP Macroeconomics</b>	<b>AP Statistics</b>
<b>AP Drawing</b>	<b>AP Microeconomics</b>	<b>AP United States History</b>
<b>AP Environmental Science</b>	<b>AP Music Theory</b>	<b>AP World History: Modern</b>
<b>AP French Language and Culture</b>	<b>AP Physics 1</b>	<b>AP 2-D Art &amp; Design</b>

**30 Advanced Placement Courses Offered**



# AP Capstone Curriculum

## Developed in response to feedback from Higher Education

AP Capstone™ is an innovative program that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills valued by colleges. The program is based on two new skills-based AP courses:

### AP Seminar and AP Research

Emphasizes Critical Skills Needed for College & Beyond

Complements the in-depth subject-matter study in AP

#### The AP Capstone program empowers students to:

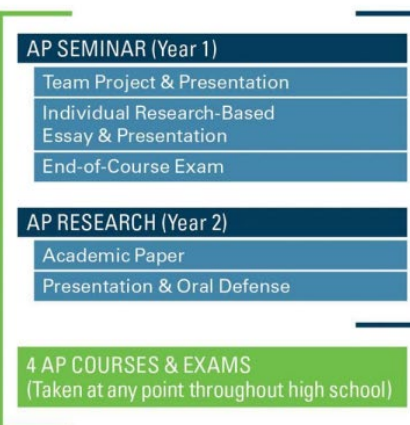
- synthesize information from multiple perspectives
- apply skills in new situations and cross-curricular contexts
- collect and analyze information with accuracy and precision
- craft, communicate, and defend evidence-based arguments
- practice disciplined and scholarly research skills while exploring relevant topics that appeal to their interests and curiosity.

## Two Courses – Two Levels of Distinction

A flexible two-course program that engages students in rigorous college-level curricula while promoting the critical skills needed for success in college and beyond.

### AP Capstone Diploma™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will receive the AP Capstone Diploma™.



### AP Seminar and Research Certificate™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research will receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™.





# AP Scholars

Award	Criteria
AP Scholar	Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams
AP Scholar with Honor	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, <b>and</b> scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams
AP Scholar with Distinction	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, <b>and</b> scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams

Advanced Placement Scholar Awards 2023-2024	
AP Scholar	60
AP Scholar with Honors	24
AP Scholar with Distinction	37
AP Capstone	3
AP Seminar and Research Certificate	3
<b>AP Scholar Total</b>	<b>127</b>

Advanced Placement Enrollment		
Year	# of Students	# of Exams
2023-2024	403	876
2022-2023	354	749
2021-2022	339	801



# Advanced Placement Honor Roll

- Huntington High School received Silver Designation
  - 1,511 schools (10% of eligible schools) received Silver level AP School Honor Roll recognition.



# Advanced Placement Resources

Click on the links below to learn more about the College Board's Advanced Placement program:

- [AP Students in College: A Review of Key Research](#)
- [AP Students – What is AP?](#)
- [Parent Resources – College Board](#)
- [Big Future – College Board](#)
- [AP Capstone Program](#)
- [AP Credit Policy Search](#)



# AP Course(s) Breakout Session Schedule

Breakout Session	Time
Breakout Session #1	8:00PM-8:15PM
Breakout Session #2	8:20PM-8:35PM
Breakout Session #3	8:40PM-8:55PM



# AP Course(s) Breakout Session Locations

AP Course	Teacher	Room Location
AP Latin	Fortunato	128
AP French	Trigian Molvaut	129
AP 2-D Art and Design	Piffard	143
AP Music Theory	Rizzuto	144
AP Computer Science A & AP Computer Science Principles	Wagner	123
AP Precalculus	Moriarty	130
AP Calculus AB & AP Calculus BC	Mattis	131
AP US History, AP Microeconomics, & AP Macroeconomics	Graber	145
AP Seminar, AP Research, AP Language, & AP Literature	Cazzalino	146
AP World History, AP African American Studies, AP Psychology, AP Human Geography, & AP Government	Leavy	141
AP Environmental Science	Guagliano & Hall	150
AP Physics & AP Chemistry	Liguori	140



## QR Code: Breakout Sessions Locations and Times

