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The Benefits of Advanced Placement

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What is Advanced Placement and who can take it?

- **Advanced Placement AP[®] courses offered by the College Board are college-level courses offered in high school**
- **Students in grades 9–12 can sign up for AP Courses. Courses reflect what is taught in introductory college courses**
- **The College Board offers 39 AP Courses**

Myth	Reality
<p>AP courses are for students who always get good grades.</p>	<p>AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.</p>
<p>AP courses are too stressful.</p>	<p>AP courses are challenging, but District school's are committed to your success! Teachers are ready to support your AP journey.</p>
<p>I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.</p>	<p>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.</p>

The Benefits of Advanced Placement

Build skills and confidence.

AP students learn essential time management and study skills needed for college and career success.

They dig deeper into subjects that interest them and learn to tap their creativity and their problem-solving skills to address course challenges.

Stand out to colleges

Students who take AP courses send a signal to colleges that they're serious about their education and that they're willing to challenge themselves with rigorous coursework.[1]

85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions.[2]

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/a-p-a-glance/discover-benefits#footnote-1>

Save time and money in college

Research shows that students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a college degree on time,[6] which means they avoid paying for additional years of tuition.

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English

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Sciences

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AP United States Government and Politics >

AP United States History >

AP World History: Modern >

History and Social Sciences

AP World Languages and Cultures

AP Chinese Language and Culture

AP French Language and Culture

AP German Language and Culture

AP Italian Language and Culture

AP World Languages and Cultures

AP Japanese Language and Culture >

AP Latin >

AP Spanish Language and Culture >

AP Spanish Literature and Culture >

- **AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May of each school year**
- **Students take AP Exams at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work**
- **Exams are typically 3 hours and include:**
 - **Multiple-choice questions**
 - **Free-response questions**
 - **Some subjects require oral presentations or portfolios**

- **A score of 3 or higher on an AP exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college**
- **8th grade students may request to take an AP World Languages exam before November 15, 2025**

Learn what's available at your school	Consider your future goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk with your school counselor to learn which courses are available. Each high school offers different courses depending on teacher capacity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Already have a college list? Review those schools <u>college credit policies</u> to learn if they offer credit for qualifying AP scores. Earning college credit may enable you to skip introductory college courses.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inquire about tutoring, study sessions, or AP Readiness programs to help students excel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Know the major or career path you're interested in?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn about any requirements, such as prior classes or skills, needed to succeed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider how excelling in AP exams can provide opportunities for college credit, advanced placement, or scholarships, helping you reach your goals more efficiently.

Questions?



For more information on AP Courses visit <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org> or contact Ana Beltran, AP Coordinator at ana.beltran@lausd.net