

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT(AP)/HONORS(H)/ADVANCED COURSES

Advanced Placement/Honors/Advanced courses are provided for the highly motivated academic student who meets the prerequisites to enroll. Students who do not meet the prerequisites may speak directly with the teacher to discuss the possibility of a waiver to enroll in the class. The AP Program offers several AP Scholar Awards to recognize high school students who have demonstrated college-level achievement through AP courses and exams. In addition to receiving an award certificate, this achievement is acknowledged on any AP Grade Report that is sent to colleges the following fall. For additional information regarding AP Scholar Awards, please visit the following website:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/scholarawards.html>.

Students should plan carefully when taking Honors and AP courses. These classes are taught in an accelerated format comparable to that of a university level course; therefore, they require extensive out-of-class work. Please consider this information when selecting classes. *Students are given three weeks after school begins to drop an AP/Honors/Advanced class if they find the class is too difficult.* A student is given the first semester to maintain appropriate level quality work. If he/she does not maintain that level, he/she will be moved to a similar class at a lower level at the semester only.

Advanced Placement exams are administered in May. Students are subject to an exam fee which is charged by the College Board. Reduced fee applications, due to financial hardship, are available in the Counseling Center. Many colleges award credit and/or advanced placement for demonstrated subject area proficiency (to research a specific college's policy, please visit

<https://apscore.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>).

Please note that universities will not consider awarding credit unless the AP exam is taken and passed. **All AP exam fees must be made by February 1<sup>st</sup>**. Students may pay for exams in the Student Store.

Although students are not limited to a specific number of AP/Honors/Advanced courses they may take, it is the recommendation of the school that students design their six year plan so that *no more than three AP/Honors/Advanced courses* are taken in any given year.