



Community High School

District 218's AP and Honors

Parent Academy Class

December 1st, 2016



District 218's Advanced Placement (AP) Program's Mission Statement

The mission of District 218's AP Program is to offer all students access to AP's rigorous curriculum by supporting them with innovative instruction, informed decision making, and necessary support.



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How it aligns with our values?

- ▶ Equity and Opportunity
- ▶ High Expectations for Student Learning
- ▶ Informed Decision Making
- ▶ Rigorous Curriculum and Innovative Instruction

So Why Should a Student take Honors and AP courses?

- ▶ Explore content with greater depth.
- ▶ Master skills required in work, college and life, including time management, collaboration and self-advocacy.
- ▶ Increase eligibility for some scholarships.
- ▶ Colleges look for more rigorous courses on transcripts.
- ▶ Students who take AP and honors classes are more successful post-high school.
- ▶ Students who receive an AP test score of 3, 4, or 5 get credit for most state universities in Illinois.



What we've done over the last few years with our District 218 AP program...

- ▶ From 2009-2010 school year to 2015-16 school year:

School Year	Amount of Students Enrolled in the District for AP
2009-2010	398
2015-2016	856



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School Year	3+ Scores (Passing)	Test Given	% Passing Rate
2007-08	295	621	48%
2015-16	743	1756	42%

So should my students take an AP or honors course?

- ▶ Absolutely! Absolutely! Absolutely!
- ▶ Questions to ask?
 - ▶ Is your student going to college, a trade school or the military?
 - ▶ Is your student ready to take on an exciting challenge with supports?
 - ▶ Are you ready to work with your student to support him or her?

So what can I do?

- ▶ You or your student should talk to teachers about AP and honors programs!
- ▶ You and your student should talk to counselors about AP and honors programs!
- ▶ You and your student should talk to school administration about AP and honors programs!