

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spring 2018

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in pre-registering for at least one Advanced Placement (AP) class for the 2018-2019 school year. The Advanced Placement curriculum was developed by the College Board Committee consisting of high school teachers and university professors. An exam, developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) for the College Board, is given at the end of the course so that students can demonstrate what they have learned and possibly earn college credit.

This letter is intended to give you a few important facts about Advanced Placement at GHCHS as follows:

- Each AP course taught at GHCHS is designed to prepare students to take the AP exam. These exams cost approximately \$94.00 each. Reduced fees are available to students who participate in the free and reduced lunch program.
- Each college and university determines how it applies AP scores to college credits. Therefore, students should contact the college to determine what score will earn him or her credit.
- AP classes can be more rigorous than community college classes. AP classes meet and receive homework daily as opposed to community college classes, which generally meet one to three times per week.
- Homework in an AP course resembles the intellectual challenge and workload one would expect in a college course. Students who take AP classes must realize that time required for homework and study will be at least two hours outside of class for each period in class.
- AP courses require excellent attendance, extensive reading and writing, as well as higher-level analytical tasks, creative projects and increased class participation.
- Taking AP courses means making choices carefully. Poor choices can result in undue stress, emotional distress, poor grades, feelings of failure, and high levels of frustration.
- The increased academic load **MUST** be considered in light of other things important to high school students such as a social life, extra-curricular activities, athletics, jobs, and other outside responsibilities (scouts, church, music, etc.)
- Students in AP courses CAN and DO have lives! In fact, many students have taken one or more AP courses in the past and have not only survived, but have also thrived! However, before committing to AP courses, each student should evaluate his/her own priorities.

To make an informed decision, read the materials together as a family. Please sign all of the necessary papers and obtain all required signatures. The form is not an application. Any student who is willing to take on the academic challenge and increased workload is eligible to take AP classes. Return the completed Form 1 to your counselor no later than March 23, 2018.

Thank you for your interest in our Advanced Placement program.

Sincerely,

The GHCHS Counseling Staff



**ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENT INFORMATION FORM**

*Please complete one sheet per student*

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to enroll in the following AP courses for the 2018-2019 academic year:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Art History                 | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Italian               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Biology                     | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Macro Economics*      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Calculus AB                 | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Micro Economics*      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Calculus BC                 | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Music Theory          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Chemistry                   | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Physics 1             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Chinese Language & Culture  | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Physics 2             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Computer Science            | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Physics C (E & M)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Computer Science Principles | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Physics C (Mechanics) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Drawing                     | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Psychology            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP English Language            | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Spanish Language      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP English Literature          | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Spanish Literature    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Environmental Science       | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Statistics            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP European History            | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Studio Art            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Government & Politics*      | <input type="checkbox"/> AP United States History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Human Geography             | <input type="checkbox"/> AP World History         |

*\*Macro or Micro Economics and U.S. Government and Politics can only be taken together, one each semester.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that by initialing and signing below, I am agreeing to the guidelines regarding all AP classes in which I enroll.

\_\_\_\_\_ My parents and I have read the letter explaining the challenges, responsibilities and rewards of taking AP classes and understand the expectations.

\_\_\_\_\_ My parents and I understand that I am enrolling in a two (2) semester class and we agree that I will not be permitted to drop the class at any time after Permanent Program Day in the Fall semester. If I do choose to drop the class after this time, we understand I will be given a "Drop/Fail" and I will receive a grade of Fail on my transcript.

\_\_\_\_\_ My parents and I understand that I will be placed in a regular (not Honors) class if I do not complete the summer reading, exhibit a lack of willingness to finish the work on time (late assignments may not be accepted), have excessive absences, or request a transfer for any reason.

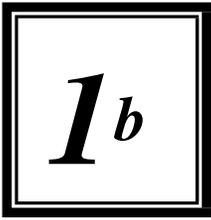
\_\_\_\_\_ I also understand that the course grade and AP exam score are earned independently.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Parents, please give the following statements careful consideration before enrolling your student in an AP class:*

- I understand that I am enrolling in a two (2) semester class and I agree that I will not be permitted to drop the class at any time after Permanent Program Day in the Fall semester.
  - If I do choose to drop the class after this time, we understand I will be given a “Drop/Fail” and I will receive a grade of Fail on my transcript. I understand that late work may not be accepted.
  - If additional help or information is required, I will ask the AP teacher for assistance.
  - I agree that if I choose to transfer out of the AP class I will be placed in a regular college preparatory class (not Honors).
  - I understand that any change must be made by made by Permanent Program Day.
- I am aware that there is an AP exam for each class and the cost will be approximately \$94.00 per test.
- I also understand that fee reductions may be available, based on the National School Lunch Program, and it is my responsibility to inquire about and discuss fee reductions with the College Counselor.
- Changes at the end of the Fall semester can only be made for students earning a “D” or a “Fail” in an AP class pending a decision by the appeals committee.
- I understand that if I am not recommended by my teacher for an AP course, I must request a meeting with my counselor and my parent must attend the meeting.
  - At that meeting, my parent and I will be required to complete form 3.
  - I understand that upon completion of form 3, all of the guidelines detailed above will apply to me regardless of the grade I have earned.

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| 1. I can provide a quiet place for my student to study.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. I will ensure that my student does not work a part-time job more than five to eight hours per week.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. I will encourage my student to study an average of one and a half hours for each AP class that he/she is taking.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. I understand that extracurricular activities take valuable study time and I will therefore discourage my student from becoming involved in too many extracurricular activities.       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. I will avoid taking my student out of school except for illness or family emergencies. I will refrain from planning vacations, trips, and unnecessary appointments during class time. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. I am will monitor my child’s progress in Home Access Center and contact the teacher as needed.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. I want my student to enroll in AP courses because we value scholarship rather than a means of getting into college or for social advancement.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*I have read the above information and agree to follow the detailed guidelines.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date