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## Overview

Students who have earned an “A” for Semester 1 AND on the Midterm Exam on the preceding course will be admitted into the AP course without taking the qualifier

## Overview (continued)

To be qualified 'exempt' students must still

- 1) Complete the application
- 2) Earn a sufficient final grade
- 3) Complete summer assignments

## Overview (continued)

- 1) This is a trial for only 5 courses
- 2) All other aspects of the qualifying process remains intact for all
- 3) The qualifying test is required for all other students

# Rationale

- 1) Students have demonstrated skills
- 2) Valuable time and effort saved
- 3) Avoids assessments following Midterms

# AP Courses Involved

## Preceding courses

American Lit Acc	for AP English Lang
AP English Lang	for AP English Lit
American Hist Acc	for AP American History
PreCalculus Acc	for AP Calculus BC
Biology or Chem*	for AP Environmental
AP Gov & Pol	for AP Comparative

# AP Qualifiers

## **General Concerns - Open Admissions**

Generally utilized by schools that need to encourage AP participation

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## General Concerns - Grades

- Can exclude students who can succeed
  - CPA students
- Minimal connection to the AP course
  - For AP Art History ??
- Variance in teachers
  - Either real or perception



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## General Concerns - Recommendations

- Opens up criticism
  - Subjectivity
  - Favoritism

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## Historical Adjustments

- Limiting # of AP's taken for GPA bonus
- Mandated students take AP test in May
- Increase # of sections
- Increase # of offerings
- Sharing the same qualifier
- Limited candidate pools by grade levels

# Trial Policy

## Concerns

- These “A” students aren’t the complaints
- Increased pressure for “A” on exam
- Decrease AP consistency & transparency
- Daily struggles of course work
- Resistance to “low grades” - even B’s

# AP Teachers

## Strengths

- Professionalism
- Expertise
- Experienced
- Sees student overall workload
- Receives feedback from students