



ROLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Advanced Placement Program (AP[®])

Welcome

Rolesville High School is committed to every student's success.

We believe access to rigorous course work such as Advanced Placement[®] (AP[®]) plays an important role in that success.



Agenda

- What are Advanced Placement® Courses?
- The Benefits
- What is it like to take AP®
- AP® Exams
- AP® at ROLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
- AP® on YOUTUBE
- AP® Course Sessions



The Basics

- Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) courses are college-level courses offered in high school. AP courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses.
- At the end of each course, students take AP EXAMS-standardized exams that measure how well students have mastered college-level course work.
- Students who do well on AP Exams can earn credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.



The Benefits of AP[®] Courses

- AP courses are challenging, but the work invested pays off.
- AP courses are often the most interesting and fulfilling courses a student takes in high school.
- Students develop confidence and learn the study habits and time management skills essential for success in college.
- Taking AP courses is valued in the college admissions process.



The Benefits of AP[®] Courses

- AP courses challenge student to work and participate at a higher level.
- Students are given opportunities to explore topics in depth
- Have more time in and out of the classroom required to complete assignments and projects.
- High expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evidence, multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications.



AP[®] from the College Admissions Perspective

- Colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admission decision
- AP courses tell college admission officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for the rigors they'll encounter in their college careers



What are AP[®] Courses Like?

AP courses demand more of students than regular or honors courses.

- Classes tend to be fast-paced and cover more material than typical high-school classes. (example: 2 months in an honors course can equate to the first few weeks in an AP course)
- More time, inside and outside of the classroom, is required to complete lessons, assignments and homework. (Study habits and time management!)



What are AP[®] Courses Like?

- Students need to be prepared every day with their required assignments and readings
- AP teachers expect their students to think critically, analyze and synthesize facts and data, and write clearly and persuasively.
 - Critical thinking in courses like MATH...math is not just computation
 - Application questions



AP EXAMS

- AP Exams are administered worldwide on set dates each May. All AP teachers encourage students to take the AP tests!
- Exams are typically 2-3 hours long.
 - Multiple-choice questions
 - Free-response questions (essay, problem-solving, oral response)



AP Exam Fees

- AP Exam fee for 2015 was \$91.
- For students with financial needs, the College Board provides a fee reduction per exam.
- See the College Board website for information on how to apply for a fee reduction.

www.collegeboard.com/apfeereductions



Why take AP Exams?

Most two- and four-year colleges and universities in the United States offer credit or advanced placement for qualifying AP Exam scores.

- **Credit:** Students earn credit toward their college degrees.
- **Advanced placement:** Students can skip introductory courses and move directly into higher-level classes, and/or fulfill general education requirements.
- Not every college gives credit for all degree programs
 - Check the College Board website or specific college/university website



AP Exam Information

Information about AP credit and placement policies at many colleges and universities is available at

1. Search by college or university name or by letter of the alphabet
2. You will see two things for each school:
 - A link to the college's own Web page that details its AP credit and placement policies.
 - A statement by the college or university about its AP policy.

The screenshot shows the CollegeBoard website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'FOR STUDENTS | FOR PARENTS | FOR PROFESSIONALS', 'About Us | Store | Help | En Español', and a search box. Below this is the CollegeBoard logo and a 'for Students' button. A horizontal menu contains five colored buttons: 'College Board Tests' (blue), 'Plan for College' (purple), 'Find a College' (orange), 'Apply to College' (yellow), and 'Pay for College' (green). The main content area is titled 'AP®' and includes a sidebar with links: 'About AP', 'Registering', 'Preparing', 'Calendar & Fees', 'Exam Day', 'Exam Grades', 'Exam Security', 'Contact Us', and 'Subjects'. The 'Subjects' link is selected, showing a dropdown menu with 'Select a Subject'. The main content area displays the breadcrumb 'Home > College Board Tests > AP Credit Policy Info' and the heading 'AP Credit Policy Info Advanced Placement Program'. Below the heading, it says 'Find colleges and universities with AP credit policy information:' followed by a list of letters: 'A - B - C - D - E - F - G - H - I - J - K - L - M - N - O - P - Q - R - S - T - U - V - W - X - Y - Z'. There is a search box labeled 'School Name:' with a 'Go' button. A note on the right side of the page reads 'AP International Recognition For information on the recognition of AP at universities outside the United States. Go to AP International Recognition'.



AP[®] Exam Scores

5 - Extremely Well Qualified

Statistically equates to high A's in the comparable college course

4 - Well Qualified

Statistically equates to low A's and high B's in the comparable college course

3 - Qualified

Statistically equates to low B's and high C's in the comparable college course

2 - Possibly Qualified

Statistically equates to low C's and high D's in the comparable college course

1 - No Recommendation



Rolesville High School

AP®

- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- US History
- Human Geography
- Psychology
- Spanish
- Environmental Science
- Biology
- Physics
- Statistics
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Studio Art



Study Habits and Time Management

- Schools encourage students to take AP courses *and* participate in extra-curricular activities (church, clubs, sports, community), but there is a need for good study habits and time management skills
- It is highly encouraged for students to use Agendas/calendars for scheduling long-term assignments, and organizing study groups, etc



Grades and Expectations

- AP courses will be more rigorous than that of any course you have taken up to this point. Expectations are a little different in each teacher's course, but all are preparing for the AP exams!
- There is a lot of stress on the "A", but remember that these are not academic or honors level courses.



AP[®] Course Quality Points

GRADE	ACADEMIC	HONORS	ADVANCED PLACEMENT
A 90-100	4.00	4.5	5.0
B 80-89	3.00	3.5	4.0
C 70-79	2.00	2.5	3.0
D 60-69	1.00	1.5	2.0
F below 60	0	0	0



Grades and Expectations

- **Major Exams/Projects/Labs 65%**
- **Quarter 1 and Quarter 3 :**
 - Summer Assignment 15%
 - Quizzes/Class Assignment 20%
- **Quarter 2 and Quarter 4:**
 - Quizzes/Class Assignment 35%
- Calculus and Studio Art will be the only exceptions to the above grade weights.
- 1 retest will be allowed per quarter.
- **Late Work policy:** Late work will be accepted within a five day period from due date 1st quarter with a 20 point penalty. Second quarter late work will not be accepted.

AP SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

- Summer Assignments are required in all AP courses
- Summer Assignments weigh 15% of your Quarter 1 and Quarter 3 grade.
- Assignments may be available tonight from individual teachers, but will be posted to the "STUDENT SERVICES" website under "AP COURSE" tab by June 15th.
- Please make note of Summer Assignment DUE DATES! Non-negotiable
- Summer Assignments are due for all AP courses at the beginning of the FALL semester, regardless of when you are registered for the course (Fall or Spring).



RHS AP[®] COURSE CONTRACT

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AP[®] on YOUTUBE

AP[®] in REAL LIFE



RHS AP COURSE INFO

Meet AP teachers and receive course information.

- Human Geography
Auditorium
- All other courses
will be in the Gymnasium

