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**Advanced Placement
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What are Advanced Placement Classes?

- Advanced Placement (AP) is a national program designed by College Board (people who make the SAT test).
- Exposes high school students to college level curriculum
- College Board has approved 35 different subjects that high schools can choose to integrate into their curriculum.
- Colleges specifically look for AP courses on your transcript.

Why Advanced Placement?

- ▶ College Admissions
 - ▶ Colleges look for:
 - ▶ GPA
 - ▶ SAT/ACT scores
 - ▶ Rigor of Classes (The HOPE scholarship requires at least 4 “rigorous” high school courses.)
- ▶ AP classes are difficult but manageable.
- ▶ More time studying and preparing
- ▶ More high level reading
- ▶ More in-depth projects
- ▶ More fact-based writing

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Why Advanced Placement?

- More than just memorize facts and figures.
 - **apply** concepts to difficult situations
 - **participate** in classroom discussions/debates and **evaluate** the outcome
 - write detailed papers and **analyze** DBQ's (data-based questions)
 - **create** a variety of project-based assessments
- **AP Tests:**
 - scores: 1, 2, **3, 4, 5**
 - typically has two parts: multiple choice and essay/free response

Why Advanced Placement?

- ▶ Opportunity to earn college credit
= Save TIME and MONEY
- ▶ Gives colleges an accurate assessment of college readiness because AP scores are compared to high school students across the nation

Why AP at CHHS?

- ▶ Our goals:
 - ▶ Provide DCSS students a choice in academic acceleration
 - ▶ Provide more AP course choices
 - ▶ Graduate students with AP Capstone Diploma
 - ▶ Meet the needs of every AP student by offering:
 - ▶ Honors classes
 - ▶ Extracurricular activities
 - ▶ Move On When Ready (Dual Enrollment)
 - ▶ High Quality CTE Courses
 - ▶ Stellar Fine Arts Programs

Why AP at CHHS?

- ▶ Our expectation is quality teaching: ALL Chapel Hill AP teachers have attended College Board training in their specific subject area.
- ▶ AP teachers are hand selected and are always willing to provide assistance to students who are willing to work.

Current AP Classes

English/Language Arts

- ▶ AP English Language
- ▶ AP English Literature
- ▶ AP Seminar
- ▶ AP Research

Math

- ▶ AP Calculus
- ▶ AP Statistics

Science

- ▶ AP Biology
- ▶ AP Environmental Science
- ▶ AP Physics

Social Studies

- ▶ AP Government
- ▶ AP Human Geography
- ▶ AP Micro Economics
- ▶ AP Psychology
- ▶ AP U.S. History
- ▶ AP World History

Other Electives

- ▶ AP Art – Studio
- ▶ AP Computer Science
- ▶ AP Music Theory
- ▶ AP Spanish Language

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Potential AP Classes

- AP French
- AP European History
- AP Chemistry

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The Application Process

- Application:
 - Section 1 and 2: filled out by student
 - Section 3: two student essays (*quality not quantity*)
- Two teacher recommendations
 - Please give your 8th grade teachers at least 5 working days to complete the recommendation.
- Report Card and Progress Report (make a copy)
 - October 13
 - November 08
- Due by December 11, 2017 at 4:00pm

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The Application Process

Other items that will be considered:

- ▶ 7th EOG/GMAS scores (LEXILE and ELA)
- ▶ Discipline
- ▶ Attendance
- ▶ Applications are available online.
- ▶ Deadline for applications: December 11, 2017 at 4:00pm
- Letters of acceptance will be mailed 2nd semester.
- ▶ If accepted, transportation will be provided by DCSS from the students' base high school.

Learn More

- See **Ms. Nicole Watson** or **Mrs. Jackie Hix** for more information about the AP program at Chapel Hill High School.
- For more information about AP courses and exams visit:

www.collegeboard.org/apstudents

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