

## CHHS Approved for AP Capstone Program

Chapel Hill High School will add the AP Capstone Program to its Advanced Placement Magnet Program as it enters its third year in 2016-2017. The AP Capstone Program is a diploma program that enhances the AP student's college preparation experience by adding an independent research component. Advanced Placement students who wish to be considered for the AP Capstone Program must take two additional AP courses, AP Seminar and AP Research. These courses are designed to "complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study experienced in other AP courses," according to the College Board. As major universities increase their emphasis on research at the undergraduate level, the AP Capstone Program will prepare students to enter college with the skills necessary to engage in scholarly, evidence-based research.

In order to obtain an AP Capstone Diploma, AP students must earn a score of 3 or higher in both AP Seminar and AP Research and earn a score of 3 or higher on four additional AP exams. Students who do not earn a 3 or higher on four AP exams, but earn a 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research, will receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.

"I am very excited that Chapel Hill High School has been selected as an AP Capstone school," says Dr. Sean Kelly, Principal of Chapel Hill High School. "The AP Capstone Program offers CHHS students an opportunity to further explore the rigor of the Advanced Placement program. The AP Capstone program will enhance the Advanced Placement and magnet opportunities afforded students who attend Chapel Hill High School."

For more information on the AP Capstone Program, visit <https://ap.collegeboard.org/ap-capstone>.