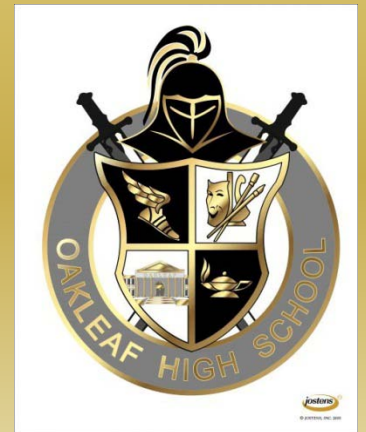


Welcome to Oakleaf High School's AP Open House



During the presentation if you have any questions please text this number:

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We will answer it via text

How AP Benefits Students

AP Courses help you get into College

Top 5 Factors Influencing College Admission Decisions

Factor	Influence on Decision
1. Grades in college prep courses	73.9%
2. Standardized test scores (SAT, ACT)	59.9%
3. Grades in all courses (GPA)	53.7%
4. Class Rank	31.2%
5. Essay or writing sample	23.3%

Source: NACAC Admissions Trends Survey, 2005, www.nacacnet.org

How AP Benefit Students

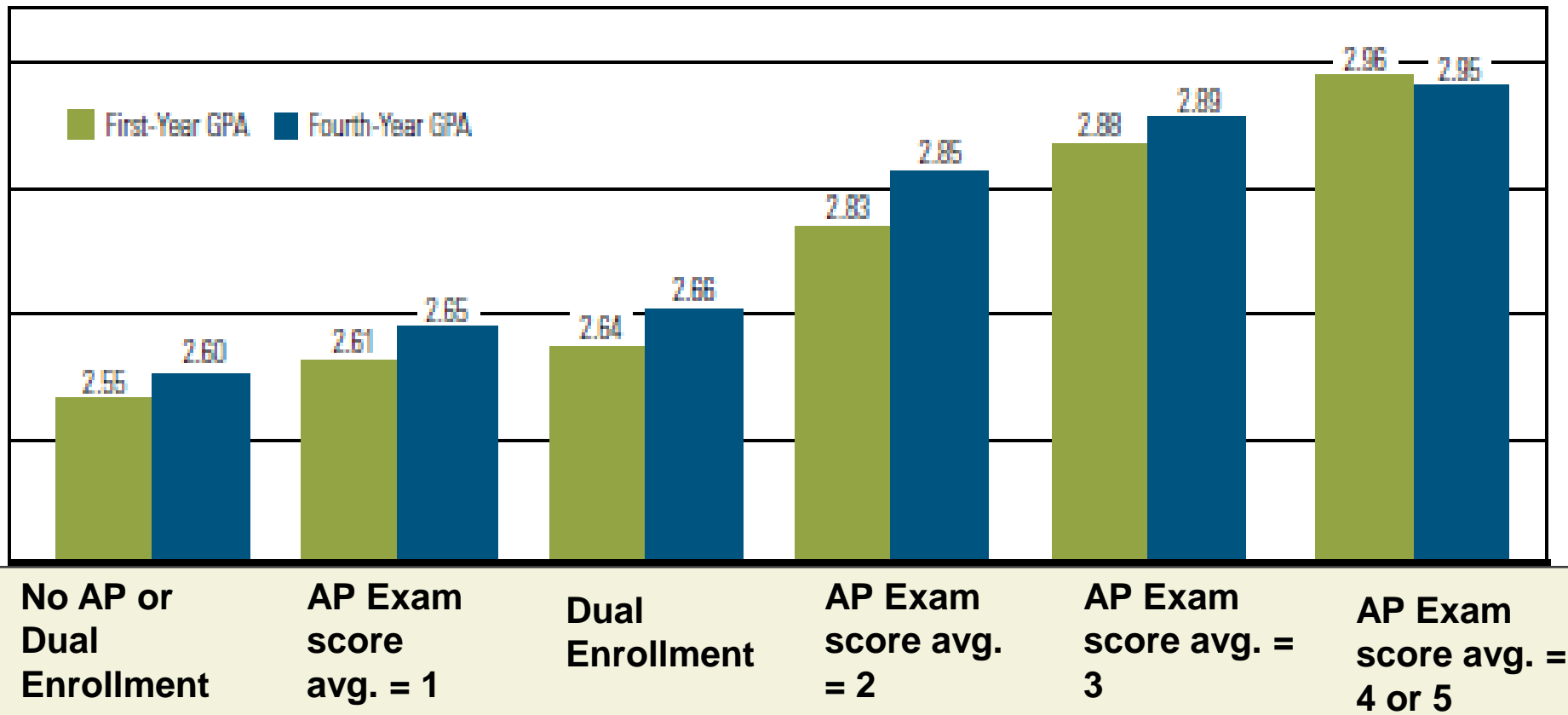
Students who take AP Courses are more likely to earn a college degree
Impact of AP on 5-year College Graduation Rates

Student Group	AP Exam Grade 3, 4 or 5	AP Exam Grade 1 or 2	Took AP class, but not the exam
African American	28% higher	22% higher	16% higher
Hispanic	28% higher	12% higher	10% higher
White	33% higher	22% higher	20% higher
Low Income	26% higher	17% higher	12% higher
Not Low Income	34% higher	23% higher	19% higher

Source: Chrys Dougherty, Lynn Mellor, and Shuling Jian, The Relationship Between Advanced Placement and College Graduation (National Center for Educational Accountability, 2005)

First Year and Fourth Year Average College GPAs of Students with Varying AP and Non-AP Experiences

First-Year and Fourth-Year Average College GPAs of Students with Varying AP and Non-AP Experiences



Other Benefits

- Promotes improved reading, writing, and critical thinking skills that benefit students in their after high school lives
- Improves college admissions applications and improves the likelihood that students will be successful if they choose to attend college after graduation
- Students who earn a qualifying score will be able to skip many introductory level college courses by earning credit while in high school

OHS AP Courses

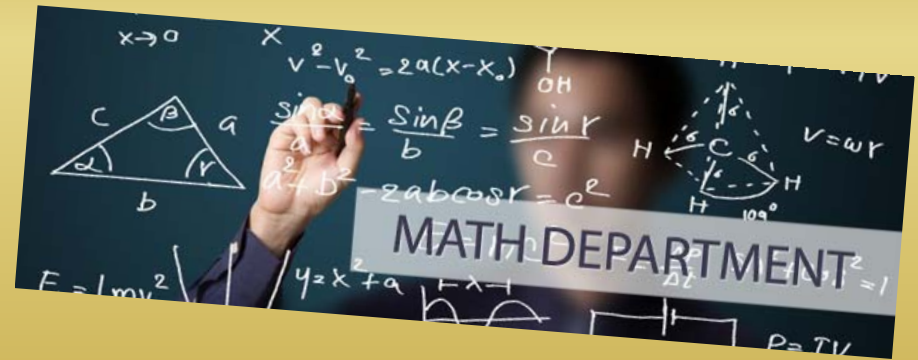


- AP Human Geography (9th)
- AP World History (10th)
- AP US History (11th)
- AP American Government (12th)
- AP Macroeconomics (12th)
- AP European History
- AP Psychology (11th & 12th)

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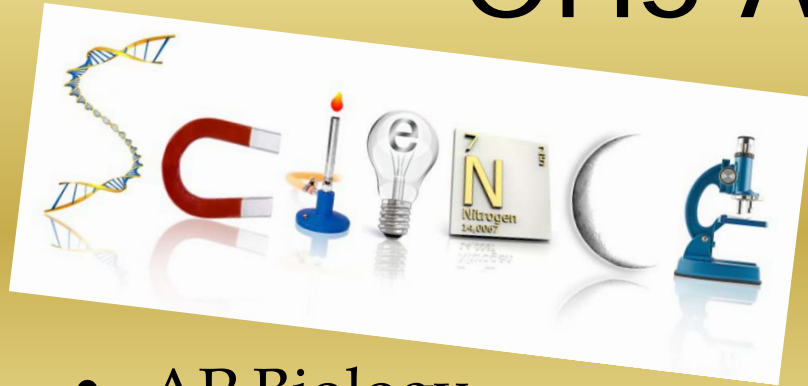
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

- AP Language (11th)
- AP Literature (12th)



- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics

OHS AP Courses



- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics
- AP Environmental



- AP Spanish Language

OHS AP Courses



- AP Studio Art 2D
- AP Studio Art 3D
- AP Studio Art- Drawing
- AP Music Theory

AP Honor Code

- Individual student integrity is a standard of excellence for Advanced Placement students
- Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated

AP Contract

- Successful completion of each AP course requires approximately five or more hours of individual study time per week (approximately 45 minutes to an hour per day)
- Students will be expected to produce high quality, thoughtful work, which will take time

AP Contract

- It is strongly encouraged that students participate in tutoring and exam preparation activities

AP Contract

- AP classes are designed to be more rigorous, not necessarily more work
- In general, it is expected that students remain in an AP class for the entire course

AP Course Selection

- Must complete pre-course/summer requirements
- Must remain in the course for the entire school year
- Students will be allowed to sign up for 3 AP courses per year without approval
- Students wishing to take 4 or more AP courses must have administration approval
- AP Courses and their course work supersede athletics and other extracurricular activities

Things to Consider When Signing Up for an AP Course

- Extracurricular Activities
- Work
- Family Obligations/Expectations
- The student's workload in all classes
- Undergraduate Degree Requirements

Teacher Recommendation

- Each course requires a teacher recommendation
- If a student is not in an AP class previously, their teacher from the same subject may sign their recommendation
 - Ex: World History Honors teacher will sign off for AP US History

How are AP Courses Weighted for Cumulative GPA?

- Weighted 1.0
 - A – 5.0
 - B – 4.0
 - C – 3.0
 - D – 2.0
 - F – 0.0

Attendance...is it important?

- Attendance is very important in AP classes
 - Extensive material is covered in a single class setting
 - Students do not want to miss discussion that will clarify any misunderstandings from their readings
 - Every day in an AP class is preparing them for the AP test

Who takes the AP Exam?

- Every student who is enrolled in an AP course takes the exam.
- Cost of an AP Exam
 - \$99, paid in advance by the county.
 - Students who miss the AP Exam are responsible for paying for it!

Summer Work

- Some AP classes require an assignment throughout the summer and/or in the first few weeks of school.
 - Prepares students for the rigor of the class.
 - Reviews or introduces new materials, concepts, or skills.
 - Sets the stage for discussion and learning at the beginning of the year.
- Assignments will be posted on the school website.