

## *What Characteristics Does the AP Student Exhibit?*

- ◆ Attends to detail
- ◆ Possesses strong listening skills
- ◆ Willingly takes on challenge
- ◆ Manages time well
- ◆ Develops skills that will ensure future success
- ◆ Handles multi-faceted projects well
- ◆ Enjoys participating in class discussions
- ◆ Enjoys the analytical process
- ◆ Demonstrates initiative
- ◆ Possesses strong reading and writing, mathematics and/or science skills
- ◆ Able to work independently

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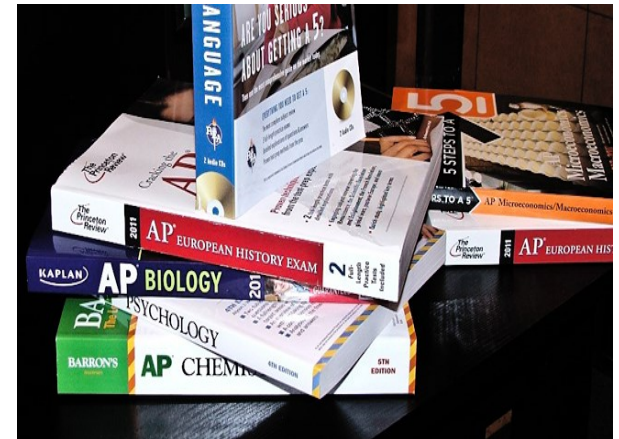
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## *Advanced Placement: Why Take an AP Course?*

*Planning for your future starts  
now!*



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## *What is Advanced Placement and Why is it Important?*

Advanced Placement (AP) is a selection of courses offered at the high school level which have been approved by The College Board. Every AP teacher must submit their syllabus for review and approval in order to provide instruction at the college level. Students participating in these courses have the opportunity to sit for AP exams which provides them with an advantage to possibly receive college credits while still in high school. The process of preparing for the AP exam allows students to acquire the skills needed to prepare for large cumulative assessments that they will encounter at the college level. Students may increase their college eligibility, financially reduce tuition costs for those courses in which they receive a score of 3 (out of 5) or better, and reduce the amount of time it takes to complete a post-secondary degree.

## **How are AP courses different from Accelerated or Honors levels?**

As you review the District's Program of Studies, you will note that there are Accelerated (A), Honors, and AP level courses. The AP coursework offers the highest intensity in pacing and rigor that is present in college coursework which prepares students for their upcoming AP examinations in May. Students in these courses finish the content by the exam rather than the end of the year. In addition, AP courses are weighted where an A is equivalent to a 5.0, rather than a 4.0, a B is equivalent to a 4.0, rather than a 3.0, etc.

## **Select the right courses now for AP courses later!**

Depending on the content area, AP courses begin as early as sophomore year. It is recommended that you read the prerequisites for each AP course in the Program of Studies in order to map out your four-year high school experience so that you will be eligible for the AP courses for which you are interested. Students' counselors will help them map out their courses.

## *AP Courses Offered at BHPRSD*

### **English**

AP English Language & Composition/Jr  
AP English Language & Composition/Sr  
AP English Literature & Composition

### **Art**

(seniors only)  
AP Studio Art: 2-D Design

### **Mathematics**

AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics

### **Science**

AP Biology  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics 1 & 2

### **Social Studies**

AP US History  
AP Psychology  
AP US Government and Politics

### **World Languages**

(no AP Classes, but students can sit for the equivalent AP examinations)

French IV Honors  
Italian IV Honors  
Spanish IV Honors

Students can earn dual credit under the High School Plus Program at Camden County College for some of these course as well as CAD1 and Architectural Design.

Visit **Explore AP: A website for students who want to learn more about AP** at <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap>