

# AP/Honors Classes

*Becoming “College Ready”*

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# College Going Culture

- 40% of our 2021 graduating class attended a 4 year university
- 50% of our 2021 graduating class attended a 2 year university
- We offer a total of 15 AP courses & multiple Honors courses at PHS in the areas of English, Math, Science, History, Language, Art, & Social Sciences

# Myth vs. Reality

- **Myth:** “AP courses are for students that always get good grades.”
- **Reality:** “AP courses are for any student who is academically prepared and motivated to take on college level courses”
- **Myth:** “I don’t think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit”
- **Reality:** “You don’t need to score a 5. Many colleges grant credit - and - placement as well - based on a 3 or better on an AP exam”

# Why AP?

- Academic Preparation
- Motivation / Determination
- Stand out in college admissions
- Earn college credit
- Skip intro/GE classes
- Build college skills

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>

# According to College Board....

In general students who earn a 3 or higher on the exam ...

1. perform well in subsequent college courses in the discipline.
2. perform well overall in their first year of college.
3. are more likely to graduate in four years.
4. are more likely to major in their AP subject or a related discipline.
5. are more likely to have better outcomes in college compared to students who take dual enrollment courses.

# AP vs. Honors

- Grade bump given for AP classes
- Honors helps prepare students for AP classes
- AP class = take AP test in spring
- Scoring a 3 or higher on an AP test may allow a student to enter into college with credits, saving time and money.

\*Please check with the university you will be applying to in regards to how they will award credit.

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>

# AP by the Numbers:

In 2020 at PHS...

- 281 students took 1 or more AP test, a total of 576 AP tests were given
- 81% passed with a 3 or better

\*In 2021 at PHS...

- 279 students took 1 or more AP test, a total of 563 AP tests were given.
- 66% passed with a 3 or better.

# Recommendations:

- Students should challenge themselves with a rigorous course load and try AP/Honors classes.
- Consider some AP/Honors courses, but not necessarily EVERY course.
- BALANCE is key for success.
- Develop strong work ethic and study skills now!
- Complete the summer assignment!
- [AP/Hon Info Sheet](#)



# Honors Classes at PHS:

- Honors English 9 (9th)
- Honors Biology (9th-10th)
- Honors English 10 (10th)
- Honors World History\* (10th)
- Honors Chemistry\* (10th-12th)
- Math Analysis Honors\* (10th-12th)
- Math 3E\* (10th-12th)
- Advanced Interdisciplinary Science for Sustainable Agriculture\* (11th-12th)

\*Denotes courses that have been approved for extra honors credit: a=5, b=4, c=3

# AP Classes at PHS:

- AP US History (11)
- AP Government/AP Econ (12)
- AP English Language (11)
- AP English Literature (12)
- AP Physics (11-12)
- AP Environmental Science (11-12)
- AP Psychology (11-12)
- AP Calculus AB (10-12)
- AP Calculus BC (10-12)
- AP Statistics (11-12)
- AP Spanish 4 Language (10-12)
- AP Spanish 5 Literature (11-12)
- AP French 4 Language (11-12)
- AP Computer Science AP & AP Computer Science Principles (10-12)

Please note not all classes are offered every year!

# Final Thoughts

- Talk to AP teachers
- Visit college board website
- Think through choices wisely!
- AP and Honors classes are year long commitments - if you decide against a class let us know by April 15th!