



AP PARENT NIGHT

Plainfield South High School
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WELCOME

Plainfield South High School is committed to providing every student with a positive high school experience.



Preparing Students for Success

TONIGHT'S FORMAT

- Welcome
- Advanced Placement at PSHS
 - Courses/Expectations/Exams
- What is it like to take AP?
 - Teacher and Student Perspective
- Visit with AP Teachers and pick up course info
 - Help your student make the right choices

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AP AT PSHS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT: THE BASICS

- AP courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Curriculum reflects what is taught in introductory college courses
- Students take **AP Exams** at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college
- *College and Career Success for All Students Act*

AP AT PLAINFIELD SOUTH

- We offer 27 AP Courses for students (2 New for 18-19)
- Last year, 640 students were enrolled in AP courses
- 790 AP Exams were taken (633 taken in 2016)
- Approximately 60% Scored 3 or higher (past two years)
- Currently 630 students enrolled in AP courses this year

OUR AP COURSES

- **Arts:** Music Theory, Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio, Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio, ***Art History***
- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** European History, Human Geography, Microeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, ***Computer Science Principles***, Statistics
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1 &2 , Physics C
- **World Languages:** French Language and Culture, German Language and Culture, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture

COURSES BY GRADE LEVEL

Additional 11th and 12th Grade Offerings:

⊕ Grade 9

⊕ AP Human Geography

⊕ Grade 10

⊕ AP European History

⊕ Grade 11

⊕ AP English Language

⊕ AP US History

⊕ Grade 12

⊕ AP English Literature

⊕ Government & Politics

⊕ Studio Art (3)

⊕ Art History

⊕ Music Theory

⊕ French

⊕ German

⊕ Spanish (2)

⊕ Calculus A/B

⊕ Calculus B/C

⊕ Chemistry

⊕ Computer Science (2)

⊕ Statistics

⊕ Physics (3)

⊕ Environmental Science

⊕ Biology

⊕ Psychology

⊕ Economics



AP: BENEFITS & EXPECTATIONS

BENEFITS

- AP is strongly valued in college admission
- Students learn rigorous, college-level content
- AP Courses help build students':

Critical thinking and analytical skills

Confidence

Time management

Study skills needed for college success



EXPECTATIONS

- Students will have homework every night
- Time management skills are critical
- Multiple AP Courses increase workload exponentially
- Students will need to balance coursework with extra-curricular activities, jobs, and social life





AP EXAMS

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AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year. Results received mid-July.

- Exams are typically 2–3 hours and include:
 - Multiple-choice questions
 - Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response



AP EXAM SCORES

⊕ 5 = Extremely well-qualified

⊕ 4 = Well-qualified

⊕ 3 = Qualified

⊕ 2 = Possibly Qualified

⊕ 1 = No recommendation

**A 3 or higher indicates proficiency

They are scored by **external evaluators** from all over the world to verify that the student has **mastered college-level studies.**

CREDIT VS. PLACEMENT

- Some colleges award “*credit*” for qualifying AP Exam grades. This means you actually earn points toward your college degree.
- Others award “*advanced placement.*” This means you can skip introductory courses, enter higher-level classes, and/or fulfill general education requirements.



WHAT IS IT LIKE TO TAKE AP? A TEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE



WHAT IS IT LIKE TO TAKE AP? A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



**NEXT STEPS: HELP YOUR
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MAKE THE BEST CHOICES**

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