

# Parent Tips for AP Success

## Starting the Conversation

Encourage your child to talk to peers, counselors, and teachers to learn more about the challenges and benefits of participating in Advanced Placement (AP) courses. To learn more, talk to your child's counselor and take advantage of AP informational events or other resources that are offered at your child's school.

## Encouraging Your Child

Many students have the ability and motivation to succeed in AP courses. Parents can build students' confidence by reminding them of their determination when they do the things that matter to them in areas such as sports, music, or school subjects they're passionate about.

## Selecting AP Courses

It's always a good idea to remind students to pick courses that match their interests, talents, and priorities. Chances are, courses in which students have excelled or enjoyed can be launching pads for successful AP experiences.

## Setting Reasonable Expectations

AP courses require students to do research and reading outside of class, and many students participate in study groups or tutoring sessions to stay on track. It's important for students to think about the amount of work they'll have so they can succeed in the courses they choose. You can support your child by helping prioritize classes, extracurricular activities, and home and work commitments.

## Thinking About & Planning for AP

Students can consider taking AP throughout high school, but it's never too early to start the process. There may be honors-level courses or other academic opportunities that can start a student on the road to AP. You can talk to your child's counselor in middle school or high school to map out a plan.

# Expand Your Academic Potential Today



## Advanced Placement Fast Facts

-  Advanced Placement (AP) courses are college-level courses offered in high school.
-  Courses reflect 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 may earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.

## Benefits of Advanced Placement Coursework

-  College credits can be earned based on Advanced Placement (AP) Exam scores.
-  A student with AP courses on his or her high school transcript can have a competitive advantage when applying for college admission and scholarships.
-  A variety of AP courses are available so that students with different interests and strengths can find an AP course that meets their needs.
-  AP courses are based on college level courses, which prepares high school students for the level of work expected when they attend college.
-  Students who enter college with credits earned from AP Exams are more likely to complete a bachelor's degree in four years.

Scan this code with a smartphone to view a video showing a CCSD student's experience with taking AP courses.



<http://bit.ly/CCSDAP>

# Go For the Gold: The AP Experience

## Myths vs. Reality

### Myth

"I can't take an AP course because no one has recommended me."

### Reality

If you think you're ready to take an AP course, then you're ready to advocate for yourself — just talk to a teacher or counselor.

### Myth

"AP courses are only for students who always get good grades."

### Reality

AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.

### Myth

"AP courses are too stressful."

### Reality

It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. But the support a student receives from classmates and teachers can help a student to manage the work load.

### 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 higher on an AP Exam .

### Myth

"Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA."

### Reality

In CCSD, the weighted grade point factor of .050 will be **added** for successful completion of Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

Taking AP courses also shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically.

# See Your Counselor Today Don't Wait! Enroll in an AP Course

## AP Courses Offered at CCSD High Schools:

### Sciences

AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based  
AP Physics 2: Algebra-Based  
AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism  
AP Physics C: Mechanics

### Mathematics & Computer Science

AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Computer Science A  
AP Statistics

### English

AP English Language and Composition  
AP English Literature and Composition

### History & Social Science

AP Comparative Government and Politics  
AP European History  
AP Human Geography  
AP Macroeconomics  
AP Microeconomics  
AP Psychology  
AP United States Government and Politics  
AP United States History  
AP World History

### World Languages

AP Chinese Language and Culture  
AP French Language and Culture  
AP German Language and Culture  
AP Japanese Language and Culture  
AP Latin  
AP Spanish Language and Culture  
AP Spanish Literature and Culture

### Arts

AP Art History  
AP Music Theory  
AP Studio Art: Drawing  
AP Studio Art: 2-D Design  
AP Studio Art: 3-D Design

Many of these Advanced Placement courses can be taken online through CCSD's Nevada Learning Academy.  
<http://nvlearningacademy.net>