

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Advanced Placement Program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges and universities. For students who are willing and able to apply themselves to college-level studies, the Program enriches their secondary and post-secondary school experiences. It also provides the means for colleges to grant credit, placement, or both to students who have applied themselves successfully.

The College Board administers the Advanced Placement Program, which contracts with Educational Testing Services (ETS) -- an independent, non-profit agency -- for technical and operational educational services.

This year, more than 400,000 students worldwide took Advanced Placement Examinations in May. Twenty-nine examinations, covering 16 different academic fields, are currently offered.

Students take AP Exams for several reasons, including the challenge, the prestige, the money and time saved, and the opportunities that can unfold as a result. A student who earns a grade of 3 or better on an AP Exam is generally considered qualified to receive credit for the equivalent course at one of the 2,800 colleges and universities that give credit for AP Exams. The associated cost savings can be as much as \$2,500 per course. The entering college student who has been given AP recognition can take advanced courses, explore different subject areas, enter honors and other special programs, pursue double majors, and even complete undergraduate requirements early.

D. C. Everest Senior High offers the following AP classes to qualified Honors students.

## **ENGLISH - LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION; LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION**

Students at D. C. Everest may take the following two English AP exams. For further information, see Ms. Olstad, Mr. Fike, or Ms. Hoard.

Each 3-hour examination covers a full-year introductory college English course. Both include 60 minutes of multiple-choice questions and 120 minutes of free response questions. The AP English Language and Composition Examination tests the student's skills in analyzing the rhetoric of prose passages and asks students to demonstrate their skill in composition by writing essays in various rhetorical modes. The AP English Literature and Composition Examination tests the student's ability to read selected poems and passages analytically and to write critical or analytical essays based on given critical statements, poems, and prose passages that are one of the following: narrative, exposition, or argument.

## **WORLD LANGUAGE:**

German VI and Spanish VI students are encouraged to take the following AP language tests. For further information see Ms. Alyssa Mace or Ms. Leslei Meuret.

**German Language:** An exam of approximately 3 hours on an advanced college German language course: 95-110 minutes of multiple-choice questions on listening comprehension, vocabulary, structure, and reading comprehension; 70 minutes of free-response writing and speaking. The examination evaluates performance in the use of the language, both in understanding written and spoken German and in responding with ease in and to correct and idiomatic German.

**Spanish Language:** (90 minutes of multiple-choice questions on listening comprehension, vocabulary, structure, and reading comprehension; 75-85 minutes of free-response writing and speaking).

The **Social Studies Department** offers three Advanced Placement Courses; **AP U.S. HISTORY**, a one-year course recommended for juniors and **AP EUROPEAN HISTORY** is offered to seniors and **AP World History**. Following is a description of the AP exams. For further information see Mr. Aleckson.

**AP EUROPEAN HISTORY:** A 3-hour examination on a full-year introductory college course in European history from c. 1450 through 1970. Includes 60 minutes of multiple-choice questions, a 15-minute reading period, a 45-minute exercise on the use of historical evidence, and two 30-minute thematic essays chosen from several offered. Questions on intellectual-cultural, political-diplomatic, and social-economic history form the basis for the examination

**AP U.S. HISTORY:** A 3-hour examination on a full-year introductory college course in United States history on the period from the first European explorations of the Americas to the present. Includes 60 minutes of multiple-choice questions, a 15-minute reading period, a 45-minute exercise on the use of historical evidence, and two 30-minute selected essays. Together, the multiple-choice and free-response sections cover: political institutions and behavior, public policy, social and economic change, diplomacy and international relations, and cultural and intellectual developments.

**AP World History** prepares students for a college level class. The AP test has one multiple choice section and three essay sections which test students abilities to read, organize and write essays that show strong organization and analysis skills. This class meets the requirement of world studies at D.C. Everest. Colleges that accept Advanced Placement credits give up to six credits for successful completion of the AP Board test.

**Social Science:** The Social Studies Department offers three AP semester courses that each meet the social science elective credit; AP Government, AP Human Geography, and AP Economics. Students scoring 3, 4 or 5 on these AP tests usually qualify for 3-4 credits of university work. AP Psychology is a full year offering.

The **Science** department offers AP Biology, which also meets the graduation requirement for Biology. Letters will be sent home to specific students qualified for this college-level course. Other upper-level science classes such as Human Biology, Advanced Chemistry and Honors Physics, along with additional independent studying, can help students prepare for the AP exams. Student may take the AP science exams without having been enrolled in an AP course.

The **Mathematics Department** offers two Advanced Placement courses. The first is **AP Statistics** (1 year), which is available to students who have completed Algebra II and have taken or are taking Pre-calculus and Trigonometry. The class will begin with several topics in Trigonometry and then switch to Statistics and Probability until the time of the AP test.

The second course is **Advanced Placement Calculus AB and Advanced Placement Calculus BC**, which is available to students who have taken Statistics and Trigonometry. This calculus course provides students with an equivalent of one semester college calculus course.

The **Business & Technology Department** offers on Advanced Placement course; Advanced College (AP) Accounting.