

# Contract: Advanced Placement

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Course:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is an Advanced Placement (AP) course?** Advanced Placement courses are college-level courses taken in high school. A national exam is given in May of each year and scored on a 1 to 5 scale. A score of a 3, 4 or 5 is considered passing and leads to college credit in most all 4-year colleges and universities. There are 33 different Advanced Placement courses available to high school students.

**What are the rewards of completing an AP course?** The rewards of completing an AP course are many! Research proves that the knowledge and experience of taking a college-level course in high school will better prepare you for success after high school. You will learn many important skills in organization, time management, reading, writing and habits of mind. The AP course designation on your resume shows college admissions officers that you are willing to challenge yourself with difficult courses and can help with scholarship competitions as well.

**What are the rewards of taking an AP exam?** The rewards of taking an AP exam include an opportunity to earn a passing score and college credit in high school. In addition, a passing score may lead to advanced placement in college. Taking difficult exams like AP exams prepares you for other challenging tests such as SATs, ACTs, and other college entrance tests.

## Student, Teacher, and Parent Expectations

Student	Teacher	Parent/Guardian
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I will show respect to the teacher and my classmates.</li> <li>2. I know that my grades are directly related to my attendance. I will attend class and make up work when I'm absent.</li> <li>3. I will be on time to class and ready to participate. I will be prepared for class –bringing paper/notebook, homework assignments, a planner and a pen or pencil.</li> <li>4. I will show responsibility and do my best and turn in assignments on time.</li> <li>5. I will do my best and ask for help when I am struggling. I will make every effort to succeed in this class.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I will show you and your classmates respect.</li> <li>2. I will be present, on time, and prepared to teach. If I am absent, I will try to talk with your class ahead of time.</li> <li>3. I will be responsible for planning challenging and engaging lessons and assignments that will help you learn.</li> <li>4. I will provide you with support when you are struggling. I will work with you to help you succeed.</li> <li>5. I will grade your work and provide you with feedback in a timely way.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I understand that my child is taking a college-level course in high school. I know that this course will be challenging and require effort.</li> <li>2. I understand that my child will have homework on a regular basis and I will help to provide a quiet, safe place where my student can study.</li> <li>3. I will support my student by asking about his/her progress in class on a regular basis and help my student ask for help when needed.</li> <li>4. I understand that the grade is weighted in an AP class. For example, a “B” in an AP class is scored as a 4.0 in calculating GPA.</li> <li>5. I believe in my student’s ability to succeed in this class and I will remind my student that although the course is challenging, the accomplishment is worthwhile.</li> </ol>
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