



ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE CRITERIA & PERMISSION FORM

AP courses are approved by the College Board, are college-level courses offered in high school and taught by SCS faculty. The AP exam, offered in May and scored by the College Board, must be taken in order for students to receive AP credit on their transcript. If students choose not to take the AP exam, they will be awarded Honors credit only on their transcript. Students may choose prior to the start of the course to take it for Honors credit only. Students must still meet all eligibility criteria. Scores of 3, 4, and 5 on the AP exam are accepted by most colleges for credit. Students pay for the AP exam. Completion of an AP course will add one point to the student's grade point average (e.g. a final grade of A will be averaged as a 5.0). The additional quality points are not given if a student earns a D or an F in the course. An AP Course Permission Form must be completed and signed by students and parents prior to being enrolled in an AP course.

AP Eligibility Criteria:

1. 3.25 overall GPA for grade just completed
2. B or better in prior lead-in courses (e.g. Student must earn an A or B in English 10 if he/she plans to take AP English in 11th grade)
3. Completion of all prerequisites noted in the High School Course Catalog
4. Teacher recommendation
5. PSAT score of 45 or higher in appropriate subject area (if applicable)

To Be Completed by Student:

Student Name: _____ Signature: _____

Course Requested: _____

Please check one:

- I intend to take this course for AP credit and understand that I am expected to take the AP exam.
- I intend to take this course for Honors credit

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

To Be Completed by Teacher:

Student is recommended for the course requested

Teacher Signature

Next Step: Student should return this signed form to the Guidance Office.

OR

Student is *not* recommended for the course requested due to the following:

Teacher Signature

Next Step: A parent conference must be held, with the teacher and Guidance Counselor, and a Parent Override Form must be signed in order for the student to be placed in course requested. Please return this form to the Guidance Counselor and schedule the required conference.