



AP: Basics and Benefits

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Welcome

Welcome to this session.

- What are Advanced Placement courses?
- Why do I need to know about them?
- Will my students benefit from taking AP classes?
- Is AP the right choice for all students?
- Are AP students required to take AP exams?

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What Are Advanced Placement[®] Courses?

Advanced Placement[®]: The Basics

- AP[®] courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in top 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

Our AP[®] Courses

- **AP Capstone:** AP Seminar, AP Research
- **Arts:** Art History, Music Theory, Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio, Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio
- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** Comparative Government and Politics, European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History, World History
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Statistics
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1: Algebra-based, Physics 2: Algebra-based, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics
- **World languages:** Chinese Language and Culture, French Language and Culture, German Language and Culture, Italian Language and Culture, Japanese Language and Culture, Latin, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture

What are students saying about AP?

AP[®]: The Benefits

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- Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills
- Taking AP is valued in the college admission process
- AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences
- Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college



More Reasons to Consider AP

- Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a college degree on time.*
Graduating in four years represents a significant savings on the cost of college.
- Only 1 in 4 college students completes a bachelor's degree in 4 years.
- The average cost of college for a single year is \$23,410** for in-state schools (tuition, fees, room/board, misc. expenses).

*College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences, *The College Board, 2008*

***The College Board, Trends in College Pricing 2014, Figure 1*

AP[®] Expands Students' Options

When students earn college credit through AP Exams, their options and opportunities expand:

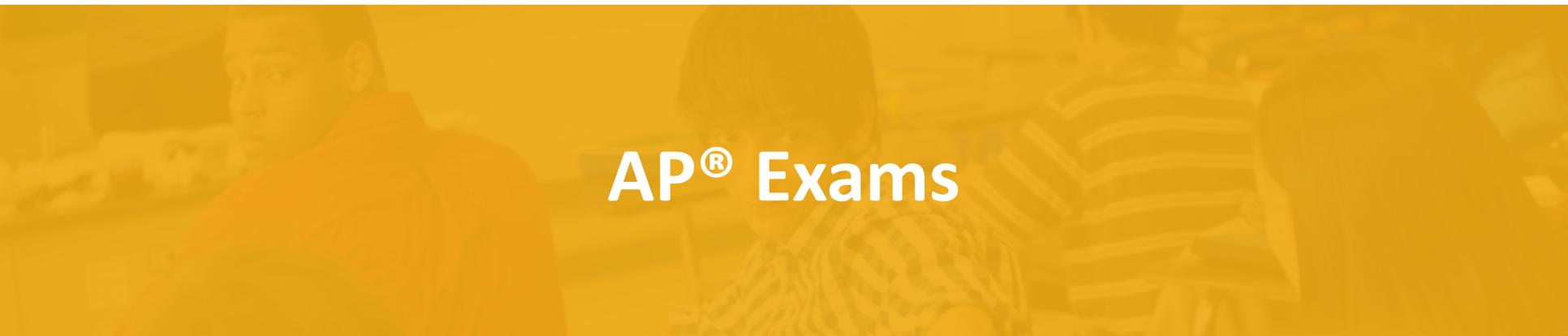
- Move to upper-level college courses sooner
- Pursue a double major
- Gain time to study and travel abroad



AP[®]: A More Engaging Learning Experience

AP courses challenge students to work and participate at a higher level:

- Opportunities to explore topics in depth
- More time in and out of the classroom required to complete assignments and projects
- High expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evidence, multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications



AP[®] Exams

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AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

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 Fees

Test Fee Assistance for Students in Need

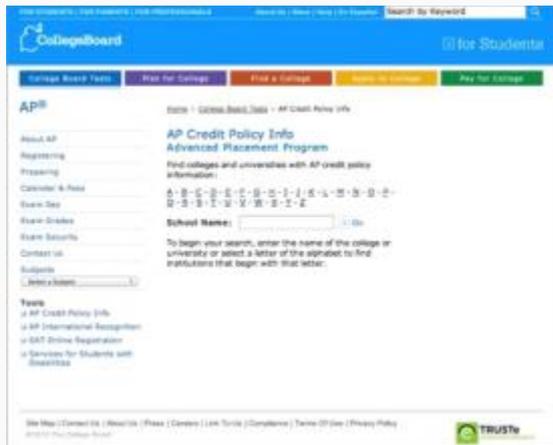
AP Exam	\$91
College Board Rebate	- 29
School Rebate	- 9
OSDE Exam Fee Assistance	- 43
Student pays	\$10 (or \$19 w/o school rebate)

Test Fee Assistance for Students Who Take Multiple Exams

AP Exam	\$91
School Rebate	- 9
OSDE Exam Fee Assistance	-25
Student pays	\$57 (or \$66 w/o school rebate)

Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.



- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy

AP[®] and our Higher Education Community

<Add information about how AP is used by the local higher education institutions>

- Quotes from area higher education institutions that receive your school's students. These quotes should state how the admission office views AP courses.
- A statistic from the area colleges about the number of students (in general) that gain credit for AP Exam scores and how much credit was awarded.
- A list of the top AP courses and the score required for credit by the higher ed institutions that receive the highest number of your students (be sure to include community colleges if the community colleges accept AP).
- How much one three-hour course costs at the area colleges (including textbook).

What is it like to take AP[®]?

AP[®] Myths & Realities

Myth	Reality
AP courses are for students who always get good grades.	AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.
AP courses are too stressful.	It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the work load.
I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.	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.
Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.	<Describe any extra weighting for AP course grades that your school may offer.> Taking AP courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically.
I can't take AP because no one has recommended me.	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.

Our Students & Parents: Up Close & Personal

<In this optional section of the presentation, you may choose to invite current or former AP[®] students and parents to make a short presentation or answer questions from those who are attending your open house.>

<See the notes below for question prompts.>



Students & Parents ... In Their Own Words

<Note: This is an optional section for your presentation. You can include one or more videos from The College Board YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/advancedplacement featuring students and teachers talking about AP® choices and experiences.>

[An AP teacher talks about her high expectations for her students](#)

[AP Program: Turning Curiosity into a Science](#)

[Karl describes AP classes as a glimpse into what college is like](#)

[The Value of AP for Latino Students \(in Spanish\)](#)

[Teachers recognize AP student achievements](#)

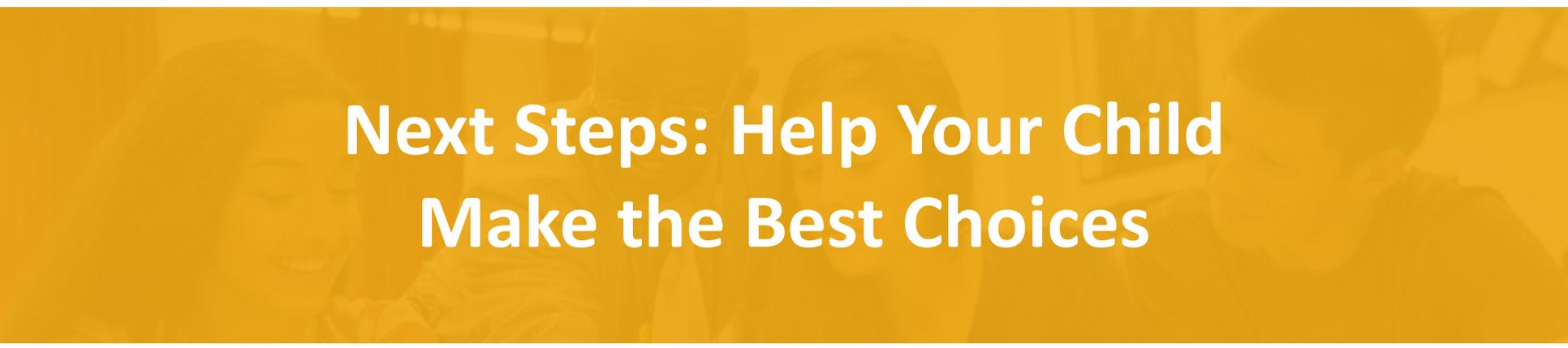
[AP Program: Creativity Makes A Mark](#)

College Admissions Officials In Their Own Words

<Note: This is another optional slide for your presentation. The video referenced here features college admission officers and students talking about the impact of AP® on the college experience.>

[AP Program: The impact of AP credit and placement on the college experience](#)

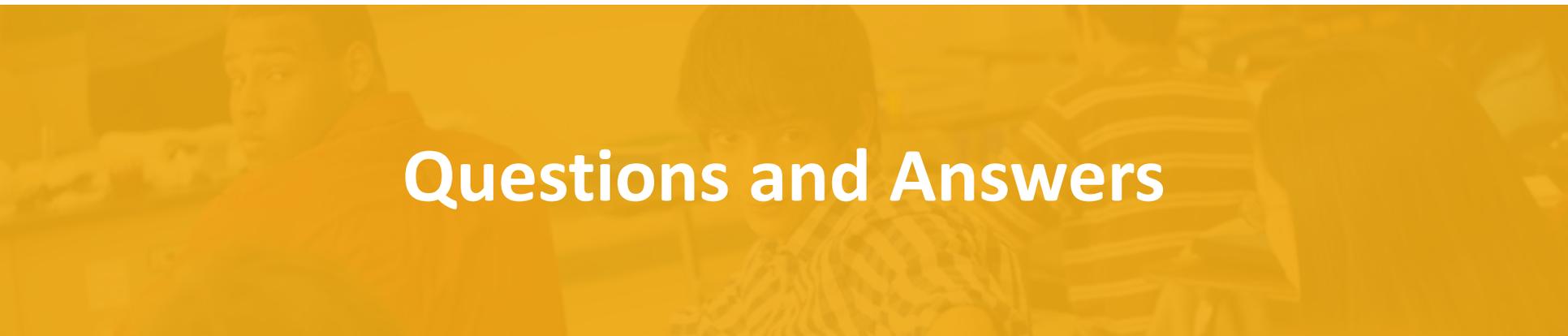




Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices

AP[®]: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT[®] results: My College QuickStart™
www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities:
www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy



Questions and Answers

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