

Central High School Advanced Placement

Benefits, Expectations, Responsibilities, and Goals for AP Students

Benefits

- Exposure to college-level curriculum, success skills, and college-level thinking.
- Students who take AP courses “get ahead,” both intellectually and with college preparation, of those students who do not take AP courses.
- Students get access to potential college credit - and the possibility of saving tuition money.
- Students enter college being more aware of the expectations for successful academic performance.
- Students interact with other students who are highly academically motivated.

Expectations

Students should expect:

- To interact with rigorous college-level coursework
- To learn skills that will help them be successful in college
- To be adequately prepared for the AP exam
- To earn weighted credit for successful completion of the course
- To receive regular feedback on their progress
- To be intellectually challenged
- To receive support in the classroom (test-taking / study skills)
- To learn how to think critically about content-area material

Responsibilities

Students are responsible for:

- Being highly engaged in their education
- Assuming the responsibility for their learning (forming study groups, seeking extra help, tutoring, completing study guides, etc)
- Managing their time well
- Communicating progress with the teacher
- Receiving constructive criticism well
- Working well with other students
- Keeping pace with the material
- Preparing in advance for class activities (reading, researching, thinking)
- Drawing dynamic connections

Goals

Students will:

- Take the content area AP test, and pass with a “3” or higher
- Enter college with credit earned from the AP test
- Gain enhanced status on college admission applications
- Gain knowledge not normally offered in typical high school curricula