

The AP Experience

Marvin Ridge High School



- “From the moment you enter an AP classroom, you'll notice the difference—in the teacher's approach to the subject, in the attitude of your classmates, in the way you start to think.”

~College Board

Why AP?

- Through 37 different college-level courses and exams, AP provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admissions process.
- Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that the exams are aligned with the same high standards expected by college faculty at some of the nation's leading liberal arts and research institutions.

Why AP?

- AP is accepted by more than 3,600 colleges and universities worldwide for college credit, advanced placement, or both on the basis of successful AP Exam grades. This includes more than 90 percent of four-year institutions in the United States.
- Research consistently shows that AP students who score a 3 or higher on AP Exams (based on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest) typically experience greater academic success in college and higher graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP.

Why AP?

- AP students are more likely to graduate from college in four years - students who take longer to graduate at public colleges and universities can spend up to \$19,000¹ for each additional year.
- AP helps students qualify for scholarships – 31% of colleges and universities look at AP experience when determining scholarships.

Why AP?

- **AP Scholar:** Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams
- **AP Scholar with Honor:** Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, **and** scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams
- **AP Scholar with Distinction:** Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, **and** scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams
- **State AP Scholar:** Granted to the one male and one female student in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia with scores of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams, **and then** the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP Exams taken
- **National AP Scholar:** Granted to students in the United States who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, **and** scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams

AP National Recognition

- Once you are an AP Scholar, you are always an AP Scholar!
- This distinction can be used on all future college applications, scholarship applications, graduate program applications, and even on employment applications!
- Place in Marvin Ridge history...Academic Wall of Excellence.

AP National Recognition

- Seeks to prepare for and take the most challenging courses available
- Agrees to take the AP national exam for each AP course studied, as the proper culminating experience for the course(s)
- Learns to tolerate the ambiguity of new situations/ideas and accept delayed solutions to academic problems
- Takes advantage of all opportunities to learn: e.g., tutoring sessions, AP Café
- Assumes responsibility for own learning by tracking and analyzing progress, maintaining documentation
- Uses teacher/peer feedback and rubrics as tools to improve and advance
- Reads, writes, researches, and uses technology to enhance depth of understanding
- Articulates original ideas and respects the opinions of others
- Demonstrates academic honesty
- Attends class regularly, without tardiness
- Engages fully in classwork, activities, and homework
- Poses significant academic questions, searches for answers in collaboration with co-learners, designs/creates/evaluates cooperative projects
- Develops and accomplishes meaningful learning goals
- Manages time effectively in order to meet all class deadlines

AP Student Profile

- AP Studio Art
- AP Lit and Comp
- AP Lang and Comp
- AP German V
- AP French
- AP Spanish V
- AP Calculus AB, BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Statistics
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Biology
- AP Human Geography
- AP Government
- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP Computer Science
- AP Physics I and II
- AP Micro/Macro Economics

AP Courses at MRHS

- AP Courses offered depend on demand; more are planned for the future.
- College Café: A unique study group experience open to all students who take college level courses – AP and IB.
 - Meets once a week in the Fall and possibly twice a week in the Spring.
 - Supervised by AP and IB teachers

AP Courses at MRHS

- Students who take AP courses are required to take the AP test for the course in May in order to receive AP Credit.
- ~~UCPS requires students to pay for one and half tests (if taking more than one).~~
- Update: North Carolina is paying for ALL AP and IB testing this year!
- Exam dates are the first two weeks in May.
- Students receive scores in early-mid July.

AP Testing Information

- “In AP classrooms, the focus is not on memorizing facts and figures. Instead you'll engage in intense discussions, solve problems collaboratively, and learn to write clearly and persuasively.”

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