

## ***AP Courses in SAISD***

San Antonio Independent School District is a member of the College Board. SAISD participates in PSAT and SAT College Board testing, Spring Board, pre-AP English curriculum, Pre-AP and AP teacher professional development and the Advanced Placement (AP) Program.

AP Courses are college level courses taken as a part of a high school program. These classes offer advanced students the opportunity to take courses with more challenging college-level content. Students who complete AP courses are eligible to take the AP exams, administered each May by the College Board. AP exams are scored on a scale of 1–5. Students scoring between a 3 and 5 may qualify for college credit at most colleges and universities.

## ***AP Courses Now Available***

SAISD now offers Advanced Placement courses in 14 subjects, including English, History, Economics, Mathematics, Science and Foreign Language.

### ***AP Teachers***

Advanced Placement students learn from some of the most skilled, dedicated, and inspiring teachers. SAISD AP teachers attend professional development from College Board and Laying the Foundation. In addition AP teachers are required to complete a course syllabus that is College Board approved.

### ***Why Take AP Courses***

There are many reasons to take AP courses, including a desire to:

- Demonstrate to college admissions officers your ability to excel in college level

coursework.

- Emphasize your commitment to academic excellence.
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- Prepare for the AP exams and the possibility of receiving college credit at schools nation-wide.
- Earn college credit without paying college tuition.
- Get a head start on college-level work.
- Improve your writing skills and sharpen your problem-solving techniques.
- Develop the study habits necessary for tackling rigorous course work.
- Be part of a community of students and educators who are passionate, curious, and committed to academic excellence.
- Engage in intense discussions, solve problems collaboratively, and learn to write clearly and persuasively.
- Take courses that are developed by leading professors to reflect the level of learning happening at colleges throughout the country.

***How Do I Enroll?***

**Once you've decided to take the AP challenge it's easy to enroll. Talk to an AP teacher or counselor at your school about the course you want to take. Discuss the course's workload and any preparation you might need. To discuss enrollment options for AP courses contact the AP Coordinator at your campus:**

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