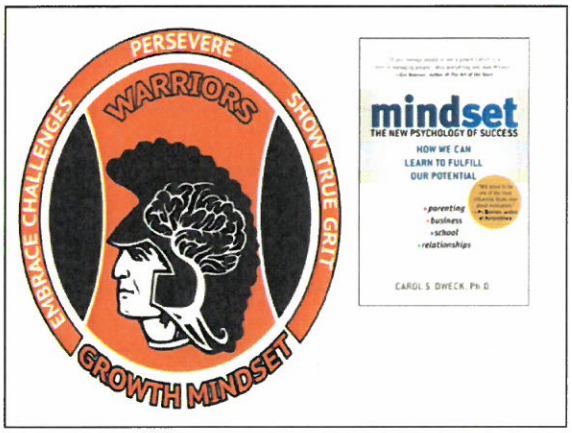
McHenry District #156 Advanced Placement Program

Advanced Placement Program



McHenry District 156

AP Courses in District 156 are open enrollment

but...

Recommendations from teachers, previous courses, grades, test scores and schedules should be considered

AP Program

Philosophy

"MCHS believes that all students deserve the opportunity to enroll in rigorous and academically challenging curriculum. Therefore, students are highly encouraged to take AP courses when appropriate. According to research, when students apply to college, the type of courses they take in high school is more important than test scores, class rank. In addition, an intense academic experience in high school is the best predictor of success in college." (Adelman, 1999)

"AP exams are structured to measure depth of knowledge, completeness of thought, and synthesis of ideas; therefore, McHenry Community High School District 156 expects students to participate in the AP exam process. Because students enrolling in AP courses have expressed a strong desire to enroll in postsecondary education,it is our obligation and goal to prepare them to achieve success at the next level."

Advantages

Research shows that AP students who earn credit and advanced placement ...

- Perform well in subsequent courses within the same discipline
- Take more, not fewer, courses in the discipline for which they have received AP credit
- Tend to earn higher GPAs than non-AP students
- Are more likely to graduate from college in four or five years

CollegeBoard Advanced Placement Program

Advantages

The presence of AP courses on a student's transcript indicates that the student has challenged him or herself by taking rigorous college-level courses as AP courses are equivalent to college courses in both expectations and rigor

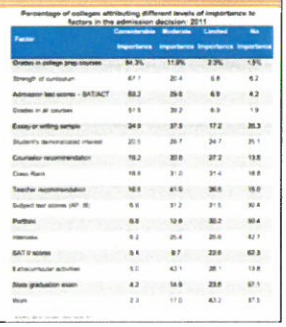
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AP Courses Offered

AP Art History
AP Art Studio
AP Language and Composition
AP Literature and Composition
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Environmental Science
AP Statistics
AP Music Theory
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1
AP Physics 2
AP U.S. History
AP Human Geography
AP U.S. Government & Politics/ Comparative Gov. & Politics
AP World History
AP Psychology
AP German IV
AP French IV
AP Spanish IV

Importance of AP to colleges

The National Association for College Admissions Counseling finds the different levels of importance to factors of the college admissions decision



5 year data

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
District	51%	58%	59%	57%	47.6%
Students taking exams	188	233 +24%	365 +57%	365 0%	484 +33% (+157%)
Number of exams taken	374	419 +12%	665 +59%	610 -8%	859 +41% (+130%)

AP Benefits

Based on 2017 McHenry AP scores, our families saved approximately $402,910 in tuition costs because students took and passed AP tests.

Why take an AP exam?

Both taking an AP course and taking the AP exam have advantages regardless of the test score.
(AP Scholars, placement in college classes, change of major, change of college, etc.)

2017 Highlights

- 32% enrolled in an AP class in 2016-17 (+3.6%)
- 37% currently enrolled in an AP class (+15%)
- 24.5% of seniors scored a 3 or higher on an AP exam (+10%)
- # of students taking an AP exam increased by 33%
- # of AP exams administered increased by 41%
- # of 3's earned increased by 19.43% (41)

AP Committee Progress

- Established clear enrollment and recommendation procedures
- Use data to assure appropriate placement
- Host regular meetings with AP teachers to share philosophy/procedures
- Developing shared philosophy of testing
- Created AP Boot Camp for skill readiness
- Established community funding partners for AP test fee reduction
- Increased communication and education via parent/ student meetings, website, forms
- Created shared AP test prep calendar

AP Committee Progress

- Established early registration process
- Created payment plan option
- Waived final exam for AP exam
- AP Success Yard Sign Recognition (61)
- College Fever: Catch it Summer before junior year

AP Committee 2017-18

- Focus on vertical alignment
- AP Scholar Meetings
- Implement Study Island
- Use data to inform instruction
- Move off-site for testing

AP Exam Cost Reduction Program

- Local sponsors are supporting our students!
- Every dollar raised directly lowers the cost of exams for students taking 2 or more exams.
- Do you know a business or organization that may be interested?
- Invited and recognized at the Fellowship Breakast

AP Sponsors

