

Advanced Placement (AP) Program

The College Board's Advanced Placement program is a nationwide program consisting of over 30 college-level courses and exams in subjects ranging from art to statistics offered at participating high schools. Students earning a "qualifying" grade on an AP exam can earn college credit or advanced placement for their efforts.

According to the College Board, "...More than 3,200 universities and colleges worldwide grant credit, advanced placement, or both to students who have performed satisfactorily on the exams, and approximately 1,400 institutions grant sophomore standing to students who have demonstrated their competence in three or more of these exams." (College Board 2010)

Studies have shown that students, who complete a solid academic core, including advanced courses, are more likely to be successful in college. Many school counselors have found that AP courses provide the challenging content necessary to engage all types of learners.

Melbourne High School offers 20 AP courses across many subjects.

Courses Offered at Melbourne HS

English

AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition

Math

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles

Science

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics C- Mechanics (Calc. based)
AP Physics 1- Algebra based

History and Social Science

AP World History
AP United States History
AP American Government
AP Microeconomics
AP European History
AP Psychology
AP Human Geography

Arts

AP Art 2D
AP Art 3D
AP Drawing
AP Art History

AP Exams

Exams are given in May (free of charge) to students enrolled in an AP course during the school year. Students must earn a 3 or better on a scale from 1-5 to earn possible college credit. (Check individual college and universities websites for which courses and scores are required to earn college credit.)

Brevard Public Schools AP Diploma

Granted to students who have taken a minimum of 6 full-year AP courses (six credits) or a combination of full-year courses and semester courses totaling six credits chosen from three different subject areas of the five subject areas listed (Languages/Literature; Social Science; Math; Science; and/or Humanities).



The College Board grants awards to students who achieve at high levels on AP exams.

AP Scholar—must score 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams

AP Scholar with Honor—must score at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken AND score 3 or higher on four or more of these exams

AP Scholar with Distinction—must score at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken AND score 3 or higher on five or more of these exams

State AP Scholar—granted to one male and one female student in each US 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 U.S. 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.