

Merritt Island High School

Advanced Placement Academy Application

Mission - To serve every student at MIHS with excellence as the standard, Island Style.



Dear Students and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Merritt Island High School's Advanced Placement Academy. This program is designed for those students who seek the challenge of a rigorous academic curriculum. AP courses are modeled on comparable introductory college courses and culminate in a standardized college-level assessment, or AP Exam. Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success. Students who take AP courses send a signal to colleges that they are serious about their education and that they're willing to challenge themselves with rigorous coursework.^[1] 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions.^[2] In addition, most four-year colleges and universities in the United States—as well as many institutions in more than 100 other countries—grant students credit, placement, or both for qualifying AP Exam scores.

Students in the AP Academy will have additional opportunities and resources available throughout each year including the benefit of an AP Advisor, guest speakers, and coordinated college visits.

All applicants should return their completed application packet to Mrs. Ash no later than **March 4, 2022**. Jefferson Middle School students may turn in applications to MIHS counselors during the registration process. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Please review all of the information enclosed in this packet and online. If you have any questions, please direct them to the AP Academy Coordinator.

Sincerely,

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^[1] The College Board, *The 10th Annual AP Report to the Nation*, February 11, 2014. ^[2] Unpublished institutional research, Crux Research Inc., March 2007



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Application Process

1. Navigate to the AP Academy web page and click on *AP Academy Application* to complete the online portion of the application.
2. Upload the written reflections when prompted on the online application.
3. Submit the following items to Mrs. Ash by **March 4, 2022** on the online application. Hard copies of these forms may be obtained in the front office, from Mrs. Ash, OR they can be printed off the AP Academy website.
 - a. The student/parent integrity statement
 - b. Current report card
 - c. At least 4 teacher recommendation forms (A minimum of 2 need to be from a CORE subject teacher). Teacher recommendation forms **are to be submitted DIRECTLY from the recommending teacher to Mrs. Ash via email or a paper copy may be sent to Merritt Island High School in a sealed envelope.**

Please read the following prompts carefully. Upload a typed written reflection for **2 of the 3** prompts (no more than 2 pages total). Each response is to be uploaded separately.

The selection committee will consider your submission when determining acceptance and placement with an AP Advisor.

- *Which academic subject do you enjoy most and why?*
- *What do you think is/will be your biggest challenge in high school?*
- *What would you like to accomplish, academically or in extracurricular activities, during high school?*

Any questions please contact: Mrs. Gabrielle Ash
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