



# Advanced Placement

Programs offered by *College Board*

## AP Programs - Fiction Versus Fact

AP Classes are too stressful.

Classrooms are collaborative and AP teachers are supportive.

AP Courses have too much extra work.

Students work hard, but the work is purposeful and meaningful (not 'busy work')

Dual Enrollment courses are equivalent.

AP courses are held to a high standard by regular audits and assessments.

## Why Take Advanced Placement Courses?

- ▶ To develop camaraderie with fellow AP students
- ▶ To be instructed by highly-qualified teachers who have extensive content knowledge
- ▶ To build skills needed for success from undergraduate to graduate programs.
- ▶ To prepare for citizenship by learning about topics outside of one's chosen "major"
- ▶ Earn College Credit and/or bypass introductory classes
- ▶ Improve SAT and ACT SCORES

# What is an AP score and what does it mean?

- ▶ 5 = extremely well qualified
- ▶ 4 = well qualified
- ▶ 3 = qualified
- ▶ 2 = possibly qualified
- ▶ 1 = no recommendation

Many colleges and universities and universities grant credit and placement for scores 3, 4. or 5.

# Which program should I pursue? AP or Dual Enrollment?

## Advanced Placement

- ▶ More challenging content than standard or honors level coursework.
- ▶ Potentially earn college credit if skills are fully demonstrated in an end-of-course assessment.
- ▶ No cost to student
- ▶ Teachers highly qualified with extensive content knowledge

## Dual Enrollment

- ▶ More challenging content than standard or honors level coursework.
- ▶ Earn college credit with appropriate grades
- ▶ No cost to student—HOWEVER could limit financial aid and scholarships



## Can I pursue both AP and DE? *Yes!*

Students can earn AA degrees combining AP with DE enrollment classes. When accomplished, this is particularly impressive to upper echelon schools.

Students can use DE courses to add additional challenging courses to their transcript where AP courses are not available



# AP Diplomas

## AP Capstone Diploma

- ▶ Issued from College Board
- ▶ 6 AP Courses
  - ▶ AP Capstone Seminar
  - ▶ AP Capstone Research
  - ▶ 4 AP courses of your choice

## BPS AP Diploma

- ▶ Issued from Brevard Public Schools
- ▶ 6 AP courses in 3 areas
  - ▶ Ex.
    - ▶ AP Lang & AP Lit
    - ▶ AP World History & US History
    - ▶ AP Statistics
    - ▶ AP Psych

# Why Capstone Diploma Students Stand Out

- ▶ Collage essays- critical thinking, communication, and research skills
- ▶ In college interviews—display confidence, passion, as well as expertise
- ▶ Capstone students build evidence-based arguments, apply research methods, work in teams, deliver professional presentations, and complete long-term academic projects.
- ▶ “AP Capstone helps students develop key skills that they will use over and over in college: conducting research and communicating their results.” —STU SCHMILL, DEAN OF ADMISSIONS AND STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY