Welcome

Fort Campbell High School is committed to every student’s success.

We believe access to rigorous course work such as Advanced Placement® (AP®) plays an important role in that success.
What We'll Cover

• What are Advanced Placement® Courses?
• Am I AP Potential?
• Myth / Reality & AP Exams
• Time Management Skills & Extra-Curricular Involvement
• What Is It Like to Take AP? Online vs. Classroom
• Success & the Benefits
• Q & A
What Are Advanced Placement® Courses?
AP® courses are college-level courses offered in high school

Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses

Students take AP Exams at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work

A score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college
AP® Exams

AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

• Exams are typically 2–3 hours and include:
  • Multiple-choice questions
  • Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response
  • The exam fee for 2017 is typically $93 per exam however at FCHS → the AP Exam is free of charge
# AP® Myths & Realities

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<td>AP courses are for students who always get good grades.</td>
<td>AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.</td>
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<td>AP courses are too stressful.</td>
<td>It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the work load.</td>
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<td>I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.</td>
<td>You don’t need to score a 5. Many colleges grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.</td>
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<td>Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.</td>
<td>Taking AP courses shows colleges that you’re willing to challenge yourself academically. FCHS students earn weighted grades for completion of AP courses</td>
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<td>I can’t take AP because no one has recommended me.</td>
<td>If you think you’re ready to take an AP course, then you’re ready to advocate for yourself — just talk to a teacher, counselor, or AP Coordinator. Also check your AP Potential!</td>
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AP Potential™ is a research-driven, free web-based tool that will help you identify AP® students and choose the AP courses that interest them.

PSAT/NMSQT® scores, and by extension SAT® scores, predict performance on specific AP Exams — often with more accuracy than other traditionally used methods.

Go to [appotential.collegeboard.org](http://appotential.collegeboard.org) and sign in to your College Board account. You can sign up for an account on that page if you do not have one.
AP® Scholar
The AP® Scholar Awards recognize high school students who have demonstrated exemplary college-level achievement on AP Exams.

A roster of award recipients is provided online to their secondary schools and districts.

Additionally, students are able to print a copy of their award certificate(s) online and the awards are reflected on all score reports sent to colleges after awards are conferred.
Number of AP exams taken last year: 124

AP Scholars demonstrate superior college-level achievement through AP courses and exams. They receive an award certificate, and this achievement is acknowledged on any AP score report that is sent to colleges the following fall.

AP Scholars:

- Students who receive scores of 3 or higher on 3 more AP exams
- Number of AP Scholars last year: 6

AP Scholars with Distinction:

- Students with an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on 5 or more of these exams.
- Number of AP Scholars with Distinction last year: 1
Exploring AP® & Extra Curricular Activities

challenge myself

WHY TAKE AP?

earn college credit

broden my college and career choices
Our school offers these resources and programs to support our AP students:

- AP Seminar
- AP Tutoring
- Additional support provided to students: summer course-work, mentors, office hours, study groups, etc.
AP® Courses at Fort Campbell

- **Arts:** Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio, Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio

- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition

- **History and Social Sciences:** European History, United States Government and Politics, United States History, World History

- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Statistics,

- **Sciences:** Biology, Environmental Science

- **World languages:** German Language and Culture, Spanish Language and Culture
AP Courses @ DVHS
AP® Virtual Courses

- **History and Social Sciences:** Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, World History, U.S. History, Government & Politics
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A
- **Sciences:** Biology, Environmental Science, Physics 1: Algebra-based, Physics C
- **World languages:** Spanish Language and Culture, German Language
AP®: The Benefits
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• Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills

• Taking AP is valued in the college admission process

• AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences

• Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college

• AP Scholars receive an award certificate, and this achievement is acknowledged on any AP score report that is sent to colleges the following fall.
Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success.

Nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically earn higher grade point averages in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers.*

Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a college degree on time.* Graduating in four years represents a significant savings on the cost of college.

Only 1 in 4 college students completes a bachelor’s degree in 4 years.

The average cost of college for a single year is $23,410** for in-state schools (tuition, fees, room/board, misc. expenses).

*College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences, The College Board, 2008
**The College Board, Trends in College Pricing 2014, Figure 1
85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student’s AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions*

Colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admission decision.

AP courses tell college admission officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for the rigors they'll encounter in their college careers.

*Unpublished institutional research, Crux Research Inc., March 2007
AP® Expands Students’ Options

When students earn college credit through AP Exams, their options and opportunities expand:

• Move to upper-level college courses sooner
• Pursue a double major
• Gain time to study and travel abroad
AP courses challenge students to work and participate at a higher level:

- Opportunities to explore topics in depth
- More time in and out of the classroom required to complete assignments and projects
- High expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evidence, multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications
Meet and Greet with Fort Campbell AP Teachers and Current AP Students
Our Students & Parents: Up Close & Personal

Please take this opportunity to visit the AP teachers and learn more about the AP courses that they teach. Current AP students are also available to answer any questions you have.

Thank you for attending this year’s AP Potential Recruitment Fair!
Resources
Help your child prepare to talk to a teacher or counselor about AP. Here are some questions to encourage your child to think about:

**What AP course is right for me?**
Before you talk to a teacher or counselor, think about what interests you:
- Which courses do you enjoy most in school? In which subjects do you excel?
- What college majors are you considering? What careers excite you?

Ask your counselor or teacher the following questions:
- In which AP courses at our school am I likely to do well?
- Are there other courses that can help me succeed in AP or prepare me for college and careers?

**What steps do I need to take?**
- What is our school’s enrollment deadline?
- May I speak with a student who has taken an AP course?
- Are there study groups or people who can offer help if I need it?
- What can I do next to help me prepare for AP?
AP®: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT® results: My College QuickStart™ www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities: www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy
Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP® credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at [www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy](http://www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy).

- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school’s Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy