

Oakleaf High School Advanced Placement Contract

StudentName: _____

AP Course(s): _____

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges/universities. It gives high school students exposure to college-level material and then gives them an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned by taking an AP Exam.

AP courses are characterized by an immersion in college-level content, an accelerated pace, and a performance assessment of the students' ability to synthesize and evaluate material. The AP program prepares students for the future by providing them the opportunity to develop tools that will serve them well throughout their college career. AP courses provide students a rigorous college level curriculum in the safer high school setting. Among the benefits of the AP program are:

1. Improved critical thinking skills, study skills, reading skills, and writing skills.
2. A more competitive college application, improving a student's chances for college admissions.
3. Preparation for college entrance exams.
4. Improved college performance.
5. Additional chances for scholarship money.
6. Increased likelihood that students will graduate from college in 4 years.
7. Advanced standing in college, earned with a qualifying AP Exam score.

General Course Expectations:

Successful completion of each AP course requires approximately five or more hours of individual study time per week (for AP Physics C, at least one hour a night is expected, more before exams). This includes outside readings, projects, and papers. Additional work may be assigned over weekends and during breaks. These are general guidelines and variations may occur. Students will be expected to produce high quality, thoughtful work, which will take time.

AP classes are designed to be more rigorous, not necessarily more work. However, in order to prepare students for college (and the AP Exam) students will be required to fulfill a variety of requirements. This may include an Advanced Preparation assignment throughout the summer and/or in the first few weeks of school. These assignments are designed to prepare students for the rigor of the course. You can find a link to these on the OHS Advanced Placement website.

Students may be required to participate in tutoring and exam preparation activities. These may occur outside of the normal school hours. Details for these opportunities will be given to students as the school year progresses.

Students are required to take the AP exams for all AP courses in which they are enrolled during the school year. Qualifying scores on AP exams enable students to get university credit or advanced placement at most universities. The school district generously pays for each student to sit for the exam. Students who miss the exam may be required to reimburse the school district for the cost of the test (**\$94**), except in cases of an emergency with proper documentation. In addition, if a student is absent for more than 10 class periods per semester, he/she may be expected to pay the exam fees him/herself. At the AP Coordinator's discretion, students who do not maintain a "C" average may also be required to pay the exam fee.

Regular attendance and continued enrollment is expected in an AP course. Teachers will issue a warning at the end of the first semester by contacting the parent. Parents will receive final notification from an administrator if a course fee is required. Students with attendance referrals may also be subject to removal from the class.

Individual student integrity is a standard of excellence for Advanced Placement students. All students are expected to do their own work. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any infraction of any kind, or degree, will result in a zero on the assignment given, parent involvement, referral to the AP Coordinator and additional consequences which may include expulsion from the OHS AP Program.

Student Agreement

I have read the description for this/these AP course(s), and am familiar with the course expectations and accept its academic challenges. I agree to organize my time and efforts to successfully complete the course. I understand the attendance and grade policies. Due to the increased rigor and challenge of this course, I will notify the teacher, request help, and attend tutorials if I fall behind in class assignments or have difficulty with course content. I understand that my success in this AP course is primarily my responsibility.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Agreement

I have read the description for this AP course, am familiar with its requirements, and agree to support and encourage my child in her/his endeavors in the course. I understand the attendance and grade policies. I will notify the teacher immediately of any concerns I have relating to the AP class or my child's progress.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date