

What AP Students Are Saying

“When you do take an AP class, you're actually bringing out the best in you.”

“The first day of class I was just totally out of my comfort zone. But once I got more into it and got into a subject that I really care about, it all made the difference. In AP Bio, I saw the little pieces that makes it [come] together, and it was like an "aha!" moment.”

“Writing is a very important part in all of society, so to get into writing is to help society, and my AP Literature class is helping me in my writing. It's helping me expand my creativity. That AP class actually forces you to bring it out, to bring out the best in you, so you actually get to learn probably more about yourself.”



Choose one...
or as many as you like!

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Macroeconomics
AP Calculus
AP English Literature
AP English Language
AP Psychology
AP Spanish
AP US History
AP World History
AP Human Geography
AP US Government

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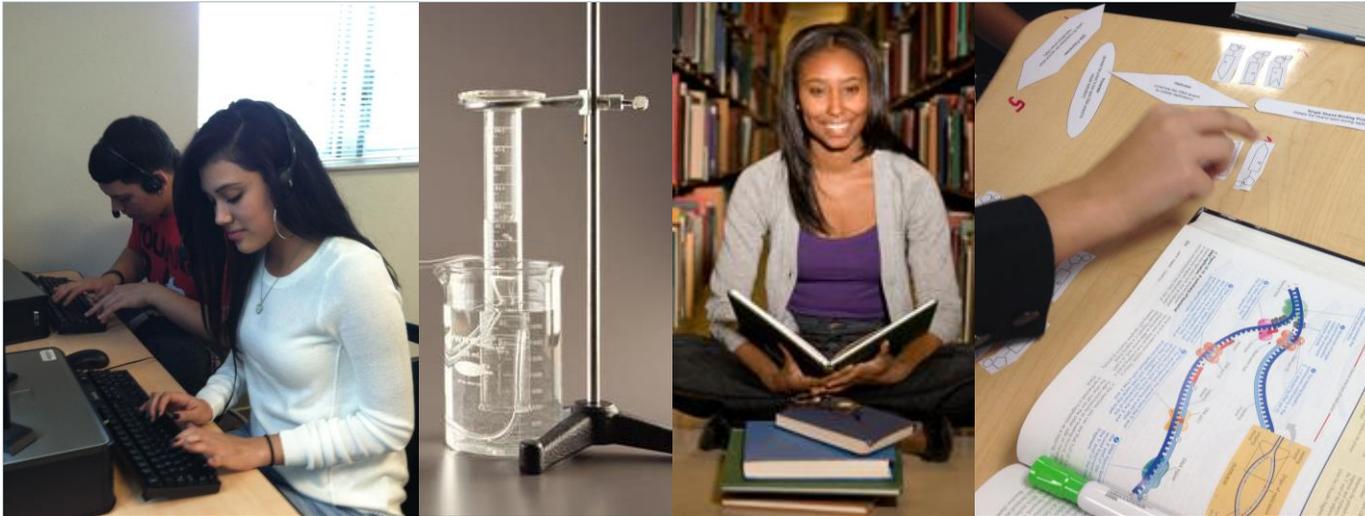


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challenges today.*



Advanced Placement

Art
Biology
Chemistry
Calculus
Geography
Government
Environmental
World-History
Spanish
Macroeconomics
Literature
Psychology



SFMHS and the AP Program

The AP (Advanced Placement) program is a group of advanced classes, taught by nationally certified teachers, that give you the opportunity to take college-level courses in high school without having to leave the high school campus. Each year-long course provides a rigorous and relevant curriculum to students.

By making the decision to take an AP course, you're letting colleges and universities know that you have what it takes to succeed in an undergraduate environment. Then, when you score successfully on the related AP Exam, you can save on college expenses. And if you know what you want to major in at college, taking an AP course related to that major and earning a qualifying score on the AP exam can help you gain advanced placement out of introductory courses.

Even if you take an AP exam unrelated to your major — or if you're not sure what you want to major in — AP courses can often help you place out of your colleges' general education requirements.

With AP classes, you'll experience the thrill of overcoming difficult problems as well as the pride of seeing challenges through to the end. College can be challenging, and learning how to work intensely and overcome academic obstacles while in high school can enable you to experience the joy of making it over the hurdles that may confront you during college classes. Once you know this, you'll be rewarded with the confidence and understanding that with knowledge, hard work and determination, you can overcome just about anything that stands in your way.

Q & A

When can I start taking AP classes?

You can begin with the AP program as a freshman by taking AP Human Geography. However, you have the flexibility to join the program at any time, as each class can be taken as a stand-alone course.

How does the AP Program help me in high school?

Beyond learning time management and study skills, your AP class grade is weighted in your overall GPA.

What qualifications do I need to be admitted into the AP Program?

Although there is a recommended sequence of coursework for the AP Program, there is no official admittance policy for students. If you are willing to put in the hard work and dedication it takes in an AP class to succeed, you are welcome to register for any of the classes. Talk with your counselor about which AP classes are right for you.

How do I sign up for an AP class?

You can talk with your counselor about placement, or ask your teachers for help signing up.