

Dear Parent(s),

In an effort to give our students an opportunity to earn college credits, the School of Science and Technology offers 14 Advanced Placement (AP) courses. All AP courses have an intensive rigorous curriculum as compared to other non-AP courses, and teachers must follow the intensity of the course as designed and tested by College Board.

As a college prep school, SST strongly recommends that each student take at least one AP class throughout high school. Since these courses yield college credit with a passing score, they are extremely valuable. An AP course is not a graduation requirement, but a good grade in an AP class and a passing test score helps a student on college and scholarship applications.

AP courses are open to all students. To ensure students' success in AP courses, SST requires students to provide evidence of diligence and proper preparation to study at the AP level. All students and parents are also informed of these requirements beforehand for individual AP courses. Please note: AP English courses are writing intensive! This contract serves as an informative agreement between, student, parent and SST.

By signing this contract all parties acknowledge the facts pertaining to the AP courses:

- Courses will have a heavier homework load than other courses
 - Non-AP classes require 3 assignments per week, AP can require 5 per week
- Missing an assignment will drop the overall grade more than in any other class
- Missing assignments have no extensions and is at the teacher's discretion
- A "C" or lower could negatively impact a student's college application
- Students have only a 3 week window to *drop* an AP class. There will be no change of courses after the first 3 weeks of classes.
- All AP courses require an unweighted 3.0 GPA.
- All AP courses require a minimum test score on STAAR and PSAT
- Failure to complete the AP course summer assignment by the due date will disqualify students from taking the AP course.
- All AP courses require 2 recommendation letters from teachers in the same subject, preferably the most recent teacher the student had for that subject.
- A student cannot exceed a total of 3 AP courses during the same school year. Taking more than 3 AP courses requires the approval of 2 admins and AP teachers who are recommending the student.
- Students found, by the discipline committee to have participated in academic dishonesty are ineligible for AP classes.

Student Name (printed)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

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