



# CARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## AP Overview and AP Exam Registration

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# What to know about AP Classes and Exams

What's all the fuss about AP? That's a great question!

- We want to help to open doors of opportunity to our students and offer challenging courses and exam opportunities. This can help a student earn college admission or course credit.
- AP Courses are taught on a higher level than Honors courses. They are considered the “most rigorous courses available” to a student.
- AP Courses show that a student has chosen to challenge him or herself beyond the regular, general coursework. (Note: at CCS, our “regular” high school course work is already on an Honors level.)
- **Passing an AP Exam—not just taking an AP Course**—can earn a student **College Credit**.  
Note: AP Exams are graded on a 1 to 5 point scale. Passing is considered a 3. Different colleges have different requirements for earning college credit with an AP Exam.
- AP Course registration will happen in the spring for AP Courses for next year. The focus of this is on why and how to register for an **AP Exam Only exams**.

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# What is Advanced Placement (AP)?

Who determines the curriculum of an AP Course?

- Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered via College Board. College Board is the parent company of SAT Tests, PSAT Tests, SAT Subject Test, and AP Courses. It is run by David Coleman, CEO, who was the “architect of Common Core” state standards under the Obama Administration.
- College Board directly controls the content of the AP Courses and Exams.

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# Cary Christian Schools AP Offerings

We offer 4 AP Classes, of which a student may take 3

- AP Biology – 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- AP Physics 1, Algebra Based – 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Either:
  - AP Calculus AB – 12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - AP Statistics – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

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# Why doesn't CCS offer more AP Courses?

Let's review:

- **What is CCS's Mission?** CCS is committed to providing an EXCELLENT *classical*/EDUCATION, FOUNDED UPON A *biblical*/WORLDVIEW.
- **Who runs and determines curriculum for AP Courses?** Advanced Placement (AP) courses are offered via College Board. College Board is the parent company of SAT Tests, PSAT Tests, SAT Subject Test, and AP Courses. It is run by David Coleman, CEO, who has the “architect of Common Core” state standards under the Obama Administration.

Our mission and College Board's operation are not compatible. Therefore, we offer limited AP Courses where we feel like we can be true to our mission using the AP Course curriculum.

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## CCS AP Policy for AP Exams

- Students who take an AP Class at CCS must sit for the corresponding AP Exam. For example, students taking AP Biology, must take the AP Biology Exam. Students taking an AP Course already receive a GPA boost because AP Courses are on a 6.0 scale. No additional GPA boost is given for passing an AP Exam. Note: there is an additional cost associated with AP Classes.
- Students can take AP Exams at CCS (or other locations if available, for AP Exams that we don't offer.) Students who pass an AP Exam with a score of 3 or better will receive advanced GPA weighted credit in a corresponding class at CCS on his or her transcript, if applicable.

# AP Exam Only Registration Period is September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 1st at CCS.

- Two years ago, College Board moved the AP Exam Only registration period to the fall. They have found that students who commit early in the school year to taking the AP Exam in May, do better than students who don't.
- It can seem early to register and pay however; it does commit the student to the AP Exam. It is what we require in our AP Classes. Now, it is what we must do for the AP Exam Only Exams.
- Further in the PowerPoint, I will address the advantages of taking AP Exam for classes that correspond to our Honors classes.
- Note: at CCS, AP Exams are open to students in 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade since these are college level exams.
- Schedule for AP Exams is: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/exam-dates-and-fees>  
We will offer AP Exams on the standard date.



# CCS AP Exam Only Offerings and Corresponding Honors Class

Note, AP Exams are offered and required for all AP Classes, which are not listed.

AP Exam Offered at CCS	Corresponding Honors Class
Biology	Environmental Biology
Chemistry	Chemistry
English Language and Composition	Medieval Literature. Students in the Language and Composition Elective should take it.
English Literature and Composition	European Literature
Environmental Science	No corresponding Honors Class. Students in the Environmental Science Elective should take it.
European History	European History
Latin	No Corresponding Honors Class
Music Theory	No Corresponding Honors Class
Physics C: Mechanics	No Corresponding Honors Class
Psychology	No corresponding Honors Class
US History	US History and Government
US Government and Politics	US History and Government
World History Modern	Medieval History

# CCS AP Exam with usual grade levels and corresponding CCS class

AP Exam	Recommended Grade(s)	Corresponding CCS Class
Biology	10 <sup>th</sup>	Environmental Biology
Calculus AB	12 <sup>th</sup>	Calculus
Chemistry	11 <sup>th</sup>	Chemistry
English Language and Composition	10 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup>	Medieval Literature
English Literature and Composition	11 <sup>th</sup>	European Literature
Environmental Science	10 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup>	None
European History	11 <sup>th</sup>	European History
Physics 1 – Algebra Based	12 <sup>th</sup>	Physics
Physics C: Mechanics	12 <sup>th</sup>	None
Psychology	10 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup>	None
Statistics	12 <sup>th</sup>	Statistics
US History	12 <sup>th</sup>	*US History and Government
US Government and Politics	12 <sup>th</sup>	*US History and Government
World History – Modern	10 <sup>th</sup>	Medieval History

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## Notes:

- AP Spanish Language is **not** available at CCS
- This year, 2021-2022, we are also offering AP Latin, AP Music Theory, and AP Physics C: Mechanics. These will not be offered on an annual basis. Therefore, if you are interested, please register and self-study this year.
- AP World History: Modern 1200 CE forward
- A CCS Honors Class may only have **one** AP Exam applied to it for GPA Boost.
- There is **no** corresponding CCS Honors class for the AP Psychology Exam, Environmental Science, Latin, Music Theory, or Physics C: Mechanics.
- AP Environmental Science is offered this year for the corresponding elective class. As an elective, it does not receive a GPA boost. However, passing the AP Exam can be helpful.
- Students in Mrs. Clarkson's English Language and Composition elective will need to take the English Language and Composition.

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# AP Exam Scores and College Credit

Will earning a 3 get me college credit everywhere?

- In the UNC System, a 3, 4, or 5 will earn a student college credit. Note: Sometimes a student will earn an “elective” credit and not a direct correlation for the class.
- Private schools have the right to set their own standards for awarding credits. The more selective the schools, the higher the AP Exam score that is usually required. To find out how a school awards credit, go to the college’s website and look up AP Credit.

# A Tale of Three Colleges

Credit for earning a 3 on AP English Language and Composition

- **ECU**  
English Lang. & Comp – AP Score: 3, ENGL 1100, 3 credit hours  
English Lang. & Comp – AP Score: 4, 5, ENGL 1100, 2201, 6 credit hours
- **UNC Chapel Hill**  
English Lang. & Comp – AP Score: 3, English General Elective,  
3 credit hours  
English Lang. & Comp – AP Score: 4, 5, English 110, 3 credit hours
- **Duke**  
Trinity College of Arts & Sciences  
English Lang. & Comp – AP Score: 4, 5, Duke Credit: English 22,  
Eligible to take any course except English 22

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## Advantages of going to college with passing AP Exams

- Flexibility – graduate early, do an internship, co-op, study abroad, etc.
- Saves money
- Double major

## CCS Student Example who passed 6 AP Exams

AP Exam Title	Grade Exam Taken	AP Exam Score	College Credits
• AP Biology	10	4	3
• AP Eng. Lang & Comp	10	3	3
• European History	11	4	3
• AP Eng. Lit & Comp	11	3	3
• AP Statistics	12	4	3
• US Government	12	3	3
• Total College Credits Earned			18
• 18 credits exceeds a semester!			

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## **Example: Senior who took and passed AP Biology Exam and passed three other AP Exams. Student is taking AP Statistics senior year.**

- Transcript at the beginning of Senior year would show passing 4 AP Exams and student enrolled in one AP Class (AP Statistics)
- Student would be designated an AP Scholar with Honors (See AP Scholar Awards in College Board)
- CCS School Profile discusses classes offered. <https://carychristianschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/School-Profile-2020-21.pdf>
- My counselor letter would highlight how the student sought additional academic challenge and self studied and passed 3 AP Exams in courses that he/she took as Honors. Colleges like to see motivated students!



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## Registering for AP Exams is a two step process.

- 1. Online component: Students must register for the AP Exam Only: <https://myap.collegeboard.org/login> and select the AP Exam section using the join code. **Deadline: Friday, October 1st.**
- 2. Students or parents must complete the Veracross Event Registration and pay for each AP Exam Only. (The Veracross Event Registration will be sent out via email and in next week's Knightly News.) **Due date: Friday, October 1st.**
- NOTE: Both parts must be completed by **Friday, October 1st.**

**Students enrolled in AP Classes at CCS are already enrolled in the class and the AP Exam. The AP Class fee includes the cost of the AP Exam. No further action is required!**

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# AP Online Registration      Part 1

- Registration joining codes for AP Exam Only are on the next slide. You must complete this step first.
- Students may do it at home on their own or at school. Students must login to their College Board Account <https://myap.collegeboard.org/login>. Using the joining code on the next slide, they need to “join” the section. (All sections here are the AP Exam Only Sections.)
- **Deadline: October 1st**
- Note: all students currently enrolled in AP Classes are signed up to take the AP Exam. Parents were invoiced for the AP Class fee already. **No additional registration is required for students in our AP Classes.**

# Joining Codes for AP Exam Only

AP Exam Only	Joining Code
Biology	XN4W3Z
Chemistry	QJPR2N
English Language and Composition	PJMRMZ
English Literature and Composition	EDDX4X
Environmental Science	WPR973
European History	NGZVAY
Latin	W7P3NY
Music Theory	9QJ2LG
Physics C: Mechanics	647XZM
Psychology	Q6RP2P
US Government and Politics	ZP93Y6
US History	MN3NQX
US World History Modern	37RM24

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# AP Exam Registering Part 2

\$100 per AP Exam Only paid to CCS

- AP Exams are **\$100 per Exam**
- Students or parents must register and pay for the corresponding AP Exam Only sections via Veracross Event Registration **by Friday, October 1st**. Any payment received after that for AP Exam only will incur \$65 late fee in addition to the \$100 AP Exam Fee. (\$40 late fee to College Board and a \$25 late fee to CCS)
- Veracross Event Registration will be sent via email and next week's Knightly News.
- College Board Policy: Per College Board's new policy, any student who decides not to sit for an AP Exam for which they registered after November 15th, will be charged a \$40 fee.
- If after reviewing the guidelines on College Board for fee waivers, a parent thinks that the student qualifies for a fee waiver, the parents should email [lsmith@carychristianschool.org](mailto:lsmith@carychristianschool.org) by September 26th.

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## Students must self-study!

- Just as students in an AP Class must study and prepare for an AP Exam, **students who are taking an AP Exam Only, without the corresponding AP Class, must study and prepare for an AP Exam.**
- I suggest that all students buy the corresponding AP prep book published by College Board (after all, they are the authors of the test!)
- Students who do pass, usually have an AP prep plan in place. This can include studying with friends on the weekends, doing an online review, or working through the AP prep book.
- There are two parts of this prep: getting familiar with the format and gaining content knowledge.
- In the past, sometimes teachers have held optional AP Prep sessions in the spring for a nominal fee to help the students prepare for the exam.

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# Should I test? (Should my son or daughter take this AP Exam?)

That's a great question!

- The students should know that it requires additional work and be willing to commit to that. This additional work excites them and/or the student is motivated to earn college credit.
- Is this AP Exam in my “wheelhouse?” Am I working in my sweet spot? If so, the additional prep for it could be exciting...or at least not draining.
- Students who have testing anxiety should think through this. Would taking an AP Exam help overcome that anxiety or contribute to increased anxiety?
- Students who are already struggling with grades and end of semester exams, may want to wait a year to undertake an AP Exam. Your CCS grades are very significant in the college admissions process. Do not compromise your CCS grades for an AP Exam.
- If I didn't pass an AP Exam last year, should I retake it this year? That is a case-by-case situation. Did you honestly put your best effort into preparing? Can you do better? What other AP Exams are you taking?

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# Conclusion

- AP Exams can be an excellent opportunity to earn college credit, challenge one's self academically, and show academic initiative. Passing AP Exams can help with the college admissions process and open doors of opportunity.
- Carefully consider if you want to take AP Exams. Are you willing to put in the effort? Are you a self-starter or willing to become one?
- AP Exams are not for everyone. This one 3 to 4 hour exam is going determine if you get college credit for a course. Even in college, a student usually has 4 to 5 grading opportunities a semester, not just one exam.
- If a student doesn't pass the AP Exam (1 or 2), the score is not listed on the transcript. College Board has research that shows getting a 2 means that a student is more likely to be successful in the class in college than a student who didn't take the AP Exam.
- If you have questions, ask the teacher in the corresponding subject what he or she thinks.
- Be true to yourself. Don't give into peer pressure to take an AP Exam or not try an AP Exam.



# THANK YOU

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