



CARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

AP[®] Class Registration for 2022-2023



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Laura Smith, Director of College Counseling

- Cary Christian 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.

AP[®] Class Registration Information for 2022-2023

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What are Advanced Placement (**AP**[®]) 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[®] Courses at CCS

For Seniors:

- Mathematics: AP Calculus AB or AP Statistics
- Science: AP Physics 1: Algebra Based

For Juniors:

Though we do not offer any AP Classes, Juniors may take AP Exams that corresponds to some of our Honors classes. More information on this will be distributed in the fall.

For Sophomores:

- Science: AP Biology

Other AP[®] Exams that a student may take

Registration for these is in the Fall

• AP Exam	Corresponding CCS Class
• English Literature & Composition	European Literature
• English Language & Composition	Medieval Literature
• Chemistry	Chemistry
• US History	US History* (only one AP Boost may apply)
• US Government and Politics	US History* (only one AP Boost may apply)
• Modern World History	Medieval History
• European History	European History
• Psychology	Does not correspond to one of our classes.

AP[®] at CCS

- This year about half of our Rhetoric students will take AP Exams whether as part of an AP Class or as AP Exam Only (meaning they self-studied for the AP Exam)
- Many of our students have received the following awards:

Award	Criteria
AP Scholar	Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.
AP Scholar with Honor	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.
AP Scholar with Distinction	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.
National AP Scholar*	Granted to students in the United States who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

What is the cost of an AP Class?

- **AP Classes at CCS cost \$300 each.** They will be billed in September 2022. The cost of the class includes the cost of the AP Exam, supplies needed for AP Classes, teacher training, and exam administration.
- Students registered for a CCS AP Class do NOT need to also register for the AP Exam Only testing option for that exam in the fall. All students in AP Classes at CCS are required to take the corresponding AP Exam as part of the class and are included in the AP Class fee.

The Benefits of AP[®] Classes and Passing AP[®] Exams

- Students learn rigorous college-level content and college skills including time management, critical thinking, and scholarly writing
- Taking AP Classes and the corresponding AP Exam as well as self-studying for AP Exams are valued in the college admission process
- AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences
- Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college

AP[®] from the College Admissions Perspective

- 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*

Extra Grade Point Weighting

- AP courses at CCS are weighted on a 6.0 GPA scale, rather than the Honors 5.0 GPA scale
 - In other words, if a student receives a B in AP Biology, 5 quality points will be awarded, as opposed to the 4 awarded in Honors Biology
- For Honors courses that have corresponding AP Exams, students can gain an extra quality point by passing the exam with a 3 or higher
 - For example, a student who scores a 4 on the AP English Literature and Composition Exam after taking CCS's European Lit course will receive a GPA of 6 for an A.

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
 - Save money and/or graduate early

Credit and Placement Opportunities

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.



- 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

Credit and Placement Opportunities

School specific information may be found on the individual college's website.

For example, a student earned a 3 on the AP Biology Exam and wants to know the credit received at NCSU. Google, AP Credit at NCSU (or any school you are interested in). Go the following webpage from NCSU.

<https://admissions.ncsu.edu/apply/credit-opportunities/advanced-placement-ap/>

- **Score:** 3
- **Credit:** 4 hours for BIO 105/106
- **Score:** 4, 5
- **Credit:** 8 hours for BIO 181/181L and BIO 183/183L

Therefore, you can see with a 3 on the AP Bio Exam the student earned 4 credit hours, 3 for the class and 1 for the lab. With a higher score, such as a 4 or 5, more credit is earned.

Q and A

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