



# CARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

AP<sup>®</sup> Class options and Dual Enrollment  
for 2023 - 2024



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*classical* EDUCATION,  
FOUNDED UPON A  
*biblical* WORLDVIEW

# AP and Dual Credit Overview

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# AP<sup>®</sup> Class Registration Information for 2023-2024

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At Cary Christian School we want to help support students in their academic endeavors. We are committed to every student's success.

- We believe access to rigorous course work such as Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> (AP<sup>®</sup>) and AP Exam Only offerings can play an important role in that success.
- AP Classes are the most rigorous course work available. Some students may choose to be enrolled in classes because of that.
- The AP Curriculum and methodology does not align with classical Christian curriculum and teaching pedagogy.
- We purposely limit our AP offerings both in terms of AP Classes and AP Exam Only offerings.

# AP<sup>®</sup> Class Registration Information for 2023-2024

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# What are Advanced Placement (AP<sup>®</sup>) Courses?

- AP<sup>®</sup> courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in many introductory college courses
- At CCS, students *must* take the corresponding **AP Exam** 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 a student college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college
- There is a fee of \$300 for each AP Course that includes the cost of the AP Exam which will be billed on September 1<sup>st</sup>

# AP<sup>®</sup> Courses at CCS

Registration for these is in the spring

## 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 Exam Onlys that correspond to some of our Honors classes.

## For Sophomores:

- Science: AP Biology

# AP<sup>®</sup> Exams Only offerings that 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders may take

Registration for these will take place in September and October 2024

• 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<sup>®</sup> at CCS

## AP Scholar Designations

- 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 <b>three</b> 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, <b>and</b> scores of 3 or higher on <b>four</b> 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, <b>and</b> scores of 3 or higher on <b>five</b> 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, <b>and</b> scores of 4 or higher on <b>eight</b> or more of these exams.

# What is the cost of an AP Class?

## Cost of AP Classes at CCS

- **AP Classes at CCS cost \$300 each.** You will be billed on September 1, 2023. 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 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<sup>®</sup> Classes and Passing AP<sup>®</sup> Exams

## Why take and pass 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
- Can be helpful for admissions to highly selective schools and open-up scholarship opportunities.

# AP<sup>®</sup> 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 top two factors in the admission decision
- AP Courses or taking AP Exam Only offerings demonstrate to 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

How does the GPA boost work at CCS?

Honors classes at CCS are on a 5.0 scale

AP Courses at CCS are weighted on a 6.0 GPA scale

For example, 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 (see previous slide with those listed), students can gain an extra quality point by passing the exam with a 3 or higher

The GPA boost applies for AP Exam Onlys that correspond to CCS classes. (See slide 8) For example, a student who scores a 4 on the AP English Literature and Composition Exam after taking CCS's European Literature course will receive a GPA of 6.0 for an A

# AP<sup>®</sup> Expands Students' Options

When students earn college credit through AP Exams, their options and opportunities at college expand:

- Move to upper-level college courses sooner
- Pursue a double major
- Gain time for internships and study abroad
- Save money and/or graduate early

# Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP<sup>®</sup> credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of colleges and universities at [www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy](http://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

# AP Credit and Placement Opportunities

Search by the college

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.



# AP Teacher Contact Information

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# Dual Enrollment

## Understanding dual enrollment

We are pleased to partner with **Colorado Christian University** to offer Dual Enrollment. It will be open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders only.

The exact courses that will be offered next year, will be published during the dual enrollment period next year.

The cost of each Dual Enrollment class is \$200. Students will receive a transcript from Colorado Christian University.

# Helpful Information: Can I do both? Yes.

Scenarios in which to consider doing both.

## You want the “sure thing”

AP Exam Only and Dual Enrollment: Want the GPA boost and the sure thing: AP Lit and Comp  
Exam Only and Dual Credit Honors American Literature

## You want the most rigorous curriculum

AP Physics Class and Dual Credit: want the most rigorous course work. You are not going into the STEM field, and you want to know that the lab science credit is filled regardless of your result on the AP Exam.

# Clarifying Distinctions

AP Classes or Passing AP Exam Only	Dual Credit
<p>AP Class = \$300 includes the AP Exam            AP Exam Only = \$100            Open to 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at CCS</p>	<p>Dual Credit for class = \$200             Open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at CCS</p>
<p>AP Classes require final exam in December and May unless waived for AP Exam near final date</p>	<p>Dual Credit requires final exam in December and May</p>
<p>AP Class gives a GPA boost            Passing AP Exam Only gives a GPA boost on corresponding CCS class</p>	<p>Dual Credit does not give a GPA boost at CCS</p>
<p>Passing AP Exams and earning AP designations can be useful for college admissions and placement and you could use it for college credit.</p>	<p>Earning Dual Credit for a required HS class does not help in college admission, though you may earn college credit for it.</p>
<p>Requires a student passing a 3-hour exam.</p>	<p>Student earns the same grade as in the CCS course.</p>
<p>A score of 3 and up earns credit in the UNC System. While students may “need” many AP Exam passes for admission to selective schools, those schools may limit the amount of credit they award.</p>	<p>Same accrediting agency that the UNC System uses. May not be accepted in all systems or by private colleges.</p>

## Or questions for the good of the group

- Reminders:
- AP Exam Only Registration is open in mid September through the end of October. It is a two-step process, and both must be completed. Details will be provided in the fall.
- Dual Enrollment registration is in mid September through the end of October. Instructions for registering for will be provided in the fall.



# THANK YOU

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