

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS & CHALLENGE

As part of its academic program, Sunlake High School is pleased to offer students the opportunity to take Advanced Placement courses that are equivalent in rigor to college-level courses. These demanding courses require higher levels of effort, time, and commitment than honors-level classes and are recommended for highly motivated and determined students. Students enrolled in these courses take national exams offered by The College Board in May of each year. College credit is often awarded for passing scores on Advanced Placement tests; however, students must research individual institutions on policies regarding the issuance of college credit.

Parent, Teacher, Student Relationships

Advanced Placement courses are taught at a college-level and students are expected to be responsible for their educational experiences. If concerns arise, parents are welcome to confer with Advanced Placement teachers, but it is recommended that students use this opportunity to foster the independence needed for future educational success. The goal of all Advanced Placement courses is to give students the opportunity to develop the academic and personal skills that are integral parts of postsecondary education.

Schedule Changes

Students who enroll in yearlong Advanced Placement courses will remain in the course until progress reports for the first quarter and for a minimum of two weeks in semester courses. Students who experience difficulty with the course content **MUST** complete the following steps prior to requesting a change:

- The parent contacts the AP teacher to discuss the student's progress and works to create a plan of action to assist with student improvement.
- If the student continues to experience difficulties after following the plan of action, the parent can then contact the counselor to discuss the possibility of a schedule change.

Summer and Winter Assignments

For many Advanced Placement courses, there are mandatory summer and winter break assignments due, without exception, on the designated due dates usually within the first 10 days of class. Please contact the specific teacher for listing of summer and winter break assignments.

Honor Code

The nature of Advanced Placement work often requires that student complete graded assignments outside of class. Students are expected to complete their own work without the assistance of others unless the instructor specifies that collaboration is appropriate. Sharing work with another student or using another student's work as his or her own will not be tolerated.

AP Exams

It is understood that a student taking an Advanced Placement course will sit for the College Board National Exam in May. If the student does not take the exam, reimbursement of \$91 per exam to the school may be necessary.

Accepting the Challenge of AP

By signing below, student and parent agree to the above statements. It is also understood that Advanced Placement courses are comparable to college-level courses with extensive and time-consuming assignments. Students are expected to become learners both in and out of the classroom. Both student and parent acknowledge that careful consideration has been given in choosing the Advanced Placement program and are committed to completing the course. In addition, the student will focus on learning all the material and developing the study skills necessary for scoring well on the Advanced Placement exams given in May.

Required Signatures

Student Name (print): _____ Student #: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____