



## The Advanced Placement Program®

at North Carroll High School

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### AP Philosophy Statement

The Advanced Placement program offers college-level courses to students with the interest, skill, ability, dedication, and/or work ethic to prepare them for educational opportunities beyond high school.

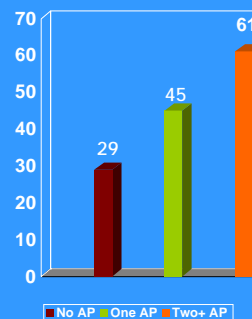
### Prepare Now to Succeed in College

- Students who took AP Literature graduated at a 62% higher rate than other students.
- 3200 colleges and universities offer credit or advanced placement for qualifying AP scores or for taking AP classes.
- AP students can have the flexibility to have double majors or travel abroad and graduate within four years.
- NCHS has had students enter college as sophomores, and in 2009, one student entered as a junior.
- A 2008 study indicates that students who take AP courses are most likely to graduate from college within four years.



### AP and College Success™

Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less.



Source: Camara, Wayne (2003). College Persistence, Graduation, and Remediation. *College Board Research Notes (RN-19)*. New York, NY: College Board.

### How will the extra RIGOR affect you?

- Most of you will adjust quickly
- You may feel overwhelmed at first
- This reaction may just be an indicator that you have met with more rigor than encountered elsewhere
- Be prepared for work and extra study time at home

### Who designs the AP courses and exams?

- The AP program is part of the College Board, who also produces the SATs.
- Each AP teacher has submitted a course syllabus that has been audited by members of the College Board
- AP committee members currently teach at dozens of the nation's top colleges and universities, including:
  - Dartmouth College
  - UCLA
  - Hamilton College
  - University of Texas at Austin
  - Michigan State University
  - University of Virginia
  - Princeton University
  - Yale University
  - Spelman College

## Why take the AP Course?

- Realistic experiences in the nature of college courses
- Authentic experience in time management to complete multiple complex tasks
- Opportunities to challenge their talents and abilities
- Practice and preparation for taking the AP Exams



## Why should you take the AP Exam?

- Experience a college-level test
- Earn college credits or placement
- Confirmation of college-level learning
- Promotions in the military
- Explore more diverse course content in college by “testing out” of basic requirements
- Earn scholarships or awards

## Save Money

- Typical costs per year of college: \$7,662 In-State; \$18,529 Out-of-State
- “When I reached college, I realized that I had accumulated a year’s worth of credits. I graduated from Michigan’s undergraduate business program a full year early, saving \$30,000 and a year’s time.” Nikki Baker



## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

•85 percent of selective colleges and universities report that a student’s AP experience favorably impacts admissions decisions.

•“We often observe a discernible difference between students without any AP experience, who typically only devote a few hours to homework each week, and AP students, who have had to develop the time management skills and the discipline to do the type of time-consuming intellectual work that is required to be successful in college.” Spencer A. Benson

Director, Center for Teaching Excellence

University of Maryland, College Park

•31 percent of college and universities consider a student’s AP experience when making decisions about which scholarships students will receive.

## NCHS AP Data - 2008

- 190 students took 378 different AP Courses
- 234 AP Tests were given
- 71% of students taking test earning a 3 or better

## AP courses offered by North Carroll

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus
- Advanced AP Calculus
- AP Chemistry
- AP European History
- AP Environmental
- AP French
- AP German
- AP Literature & Comp
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics
- AP Probability & Statistics
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish
- AP Studio Art
- AP United States History
- AP World History
- \*\* Consider alternate year course selections!!!!

## AP Credit and Placement Policy Information

Colleges and universities throughout the world offer credit and/or placement for qualifying Advanced Placement Exam scores. Information about AP credit and placement policies at many colleges and universities is now available on the College Board's Web site:

[www.collegeboard.com/ap/creditpolicy](http://www.collegeboard.com/ap/creditpolicy)

## What can I do right now?

- Talk to your parents and teachers about your goals and interests
- Take rigorous Honors and AP Courses in high school
- PLAN for when you will register for these classes (alternate years; MVHS)

General Questions?