

Advanced Placement at FCHS -- Frequently Asked Questions

What are the requirements to take an AP course?

There are no requirements that students must meet to enroll in an AP course. Any student may take an AP course as long as they have met the general prerequisites for the course. For example, there are no prerequisites for AP Human Geography; however, students interested in enrolling in AP Calculus will need to complete either Precalculus or College Algebra/Trigonometry.

How do I register for AP courses?

During the registration process, students meet with their counselor to design a four-year academic plan. If an AP course is part of the plan, students will select the course during on-line registration. A student's academic plan may be amended at any time to add an AP course. Most students select AP courses based on their academic interests and strengths.

When are the national Advanced Placement exams and how do I register for them?

The AP exams are administered worldwide during the first two weeks in May. The FCHS AP coordinators make all the necessary arrangements for administering the AP Exams and share registration information with students, teachers, and families early in the Fall semester.

How do I receive college credit for passing an AP National Exam?

Students who score a 3 or higher (on a 5-point scale) may be eligible to apply for college credit from the college or university they will be attending. Each college or university has its own policy for awarding credit for Advanced Placement and that information can be found on individual college's websites.

How do I send AP exam scores to a college or university?

You can send your scores for free to one recipient every year you take AP Exams. To use your free score send, sign in to My AP, go to My AP Profile, select the Score Send tab and choose the college, university, or scholarship organization you want to receive your score report. Your entire score report will be sent unless you choose to withhold or cancel any of your scores.

What if my child needs special accommodations for AP exam testing?

Parents and students need to contact their counselor at FCHS as soon as possible during the first semester of the school year. The College Board has specific accommodation application deadlines. If a request is denied, starting the process in the Fall should give ample time to appeal the request.

Looking for additional information?

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