

A Guide for
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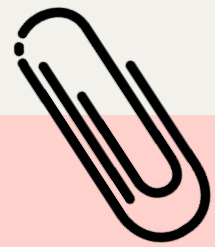
UNDERSTANDING AP



INTRODUCTION

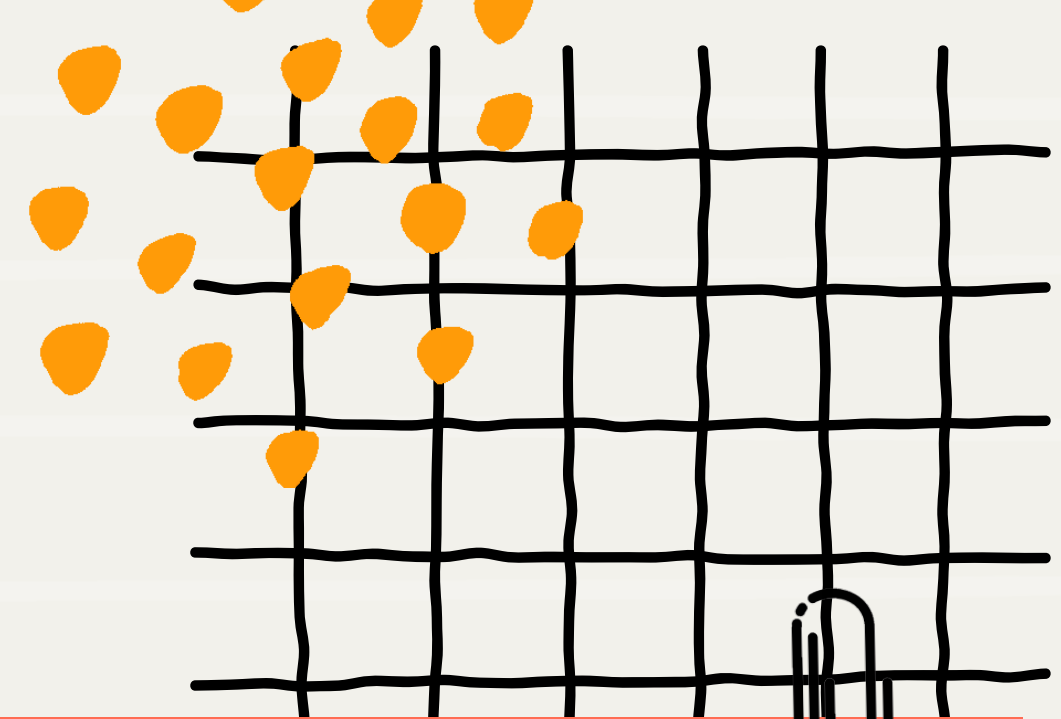
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OVERVIEW



25 AP Courses

We offer AP Courses in every core subject area, plus World Languages, Music, Art, Research, and Computer Science



College Level Courses

College Credit



AP offers students the opportunity to take college-level courses and exams in high school, with the potential to earn college credit and/or advanced placement in courses at many colleges. The AP Exams are standardized exams designed to measure how well students have mastered the content and skills of the course.

study OBJECTIVES



Total AP Students

2023 : 561

2024 : 607

Number of Exams

2023 : 1,325

2024 : >1,445

% of Total AP Students with Score 3+

73%



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AP 2023 School Honor Roll

Paul Duke STEM High School

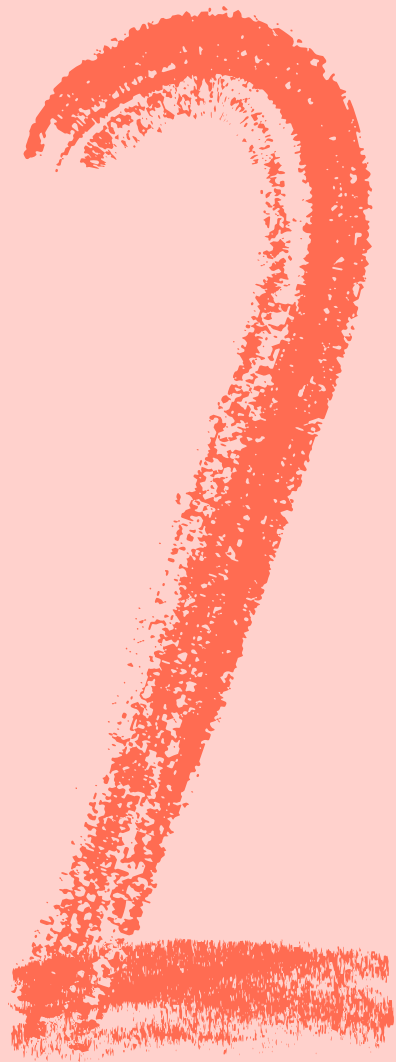
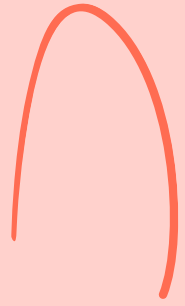
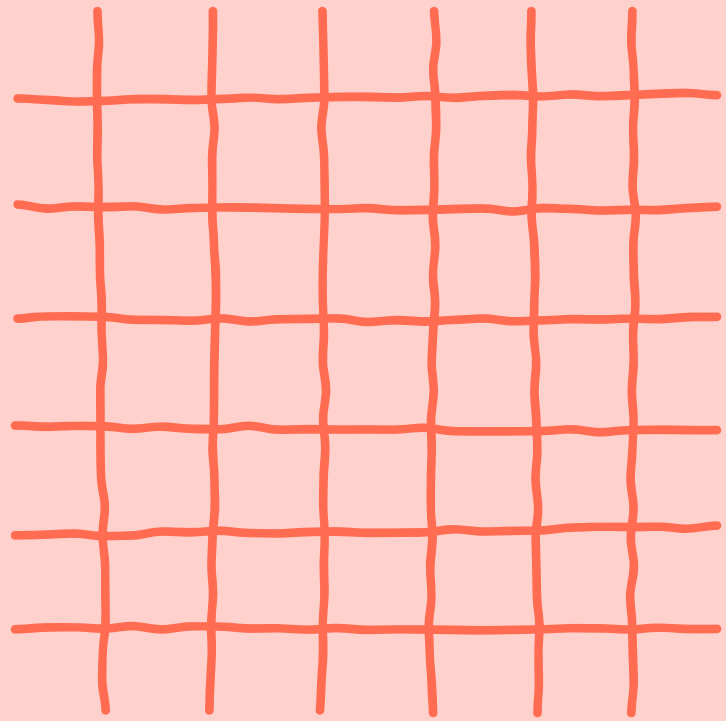
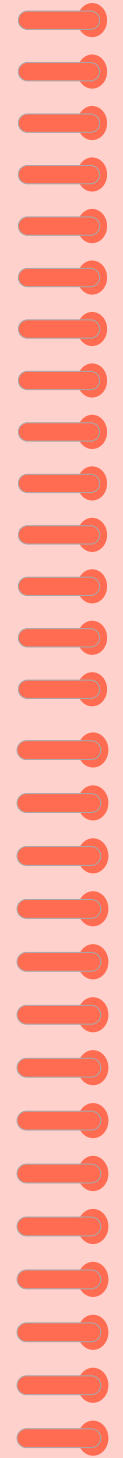
69% of students in the class of 2023 took an AP Course during high school.

More than 50% of students scored a 3 or better on an AP exam in 2023

36% percent of students in the 2023 graduating class who took 5 or more AP Exams in high school, where at least 1 exam was taken in 9th or 10th grade.

TAKING AN AP COURSE

What can I expect?





TOP REASONS

to take AP Courses



Save money in college costs

Students may be granted sophomore standing or given credit for freshman courses

Improve the chances of being accepted by the college of their choice

AP grades are weighted in GCPS by 10 points

Improve PSAT/SAT scores with higher reasoning skills

AP students outperform their non-AP peers in college

HOW TO CHOOSE AN AP COURSE

**DO YOU HAVE AN
INTEREST IN THE
SUBJECT?**

SUGGESTED AP COURSES TO TRY FIRST

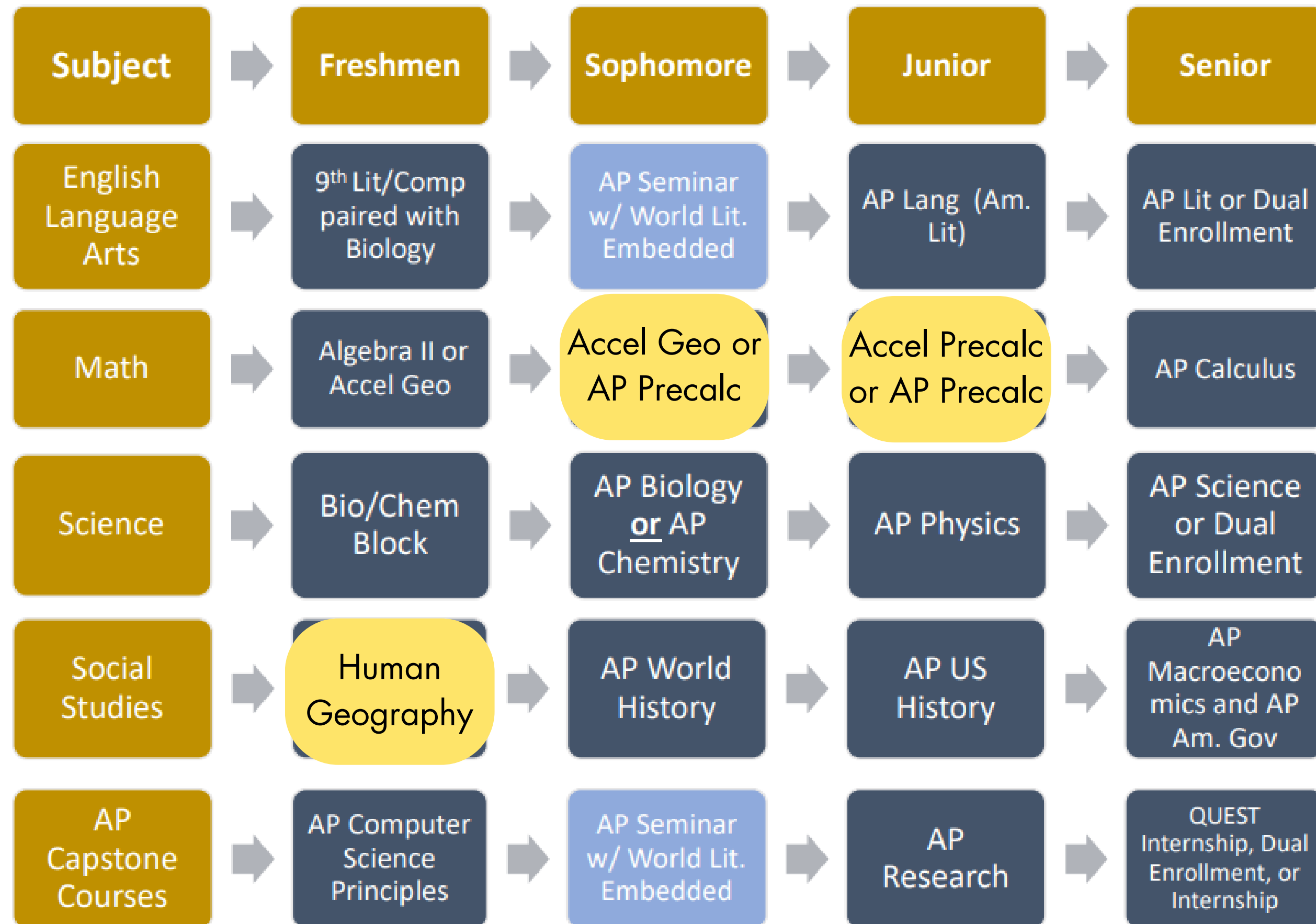
Seminar
Human Geography
World History
Computer Science
Principles

GRADUALLY BUILD YOUR LOAD

Start with 1 or 2, then
build to 3 or 4 until you
reach your max load.
Don't jump all in unless it
is advised by the school
counselor.

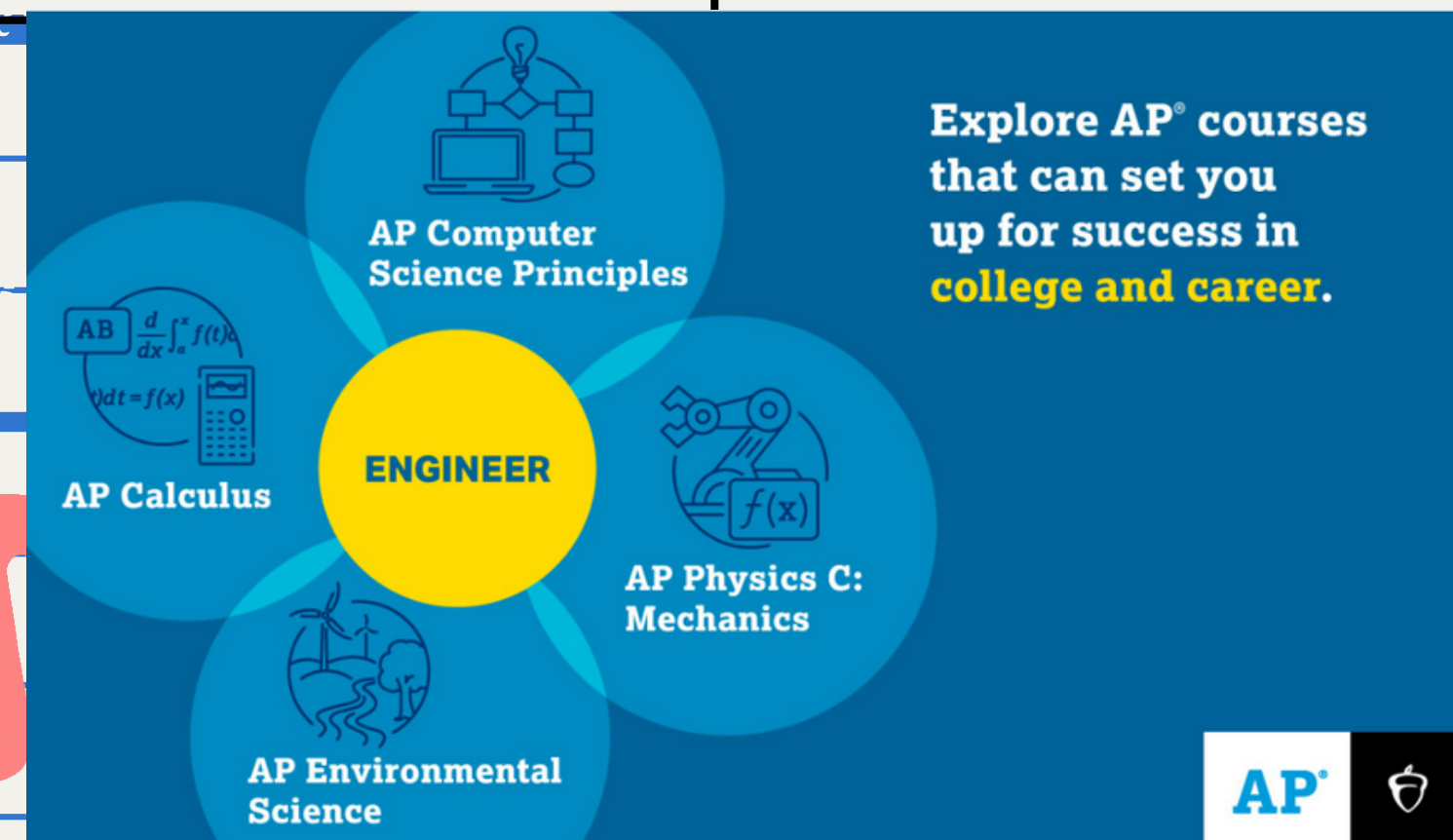
Encourage students to start earlier on their
AP journeys so as not to overload them with
AP courses their junior and senior years

Paul Duke STEM AP Capstone Sequence and Course Options



AP Course Resources

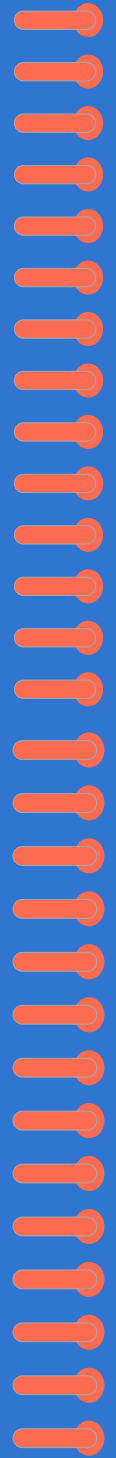
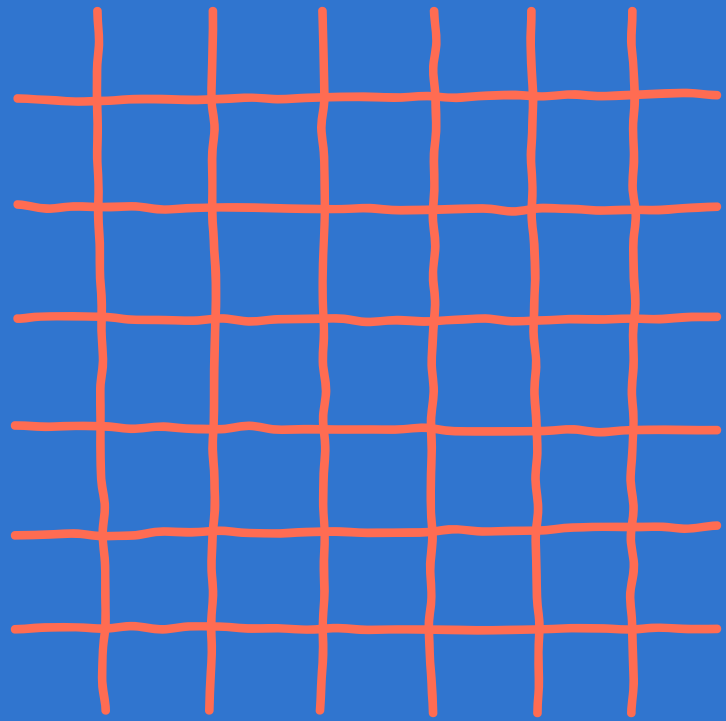
AP Classroom	Online Platform where students access free practice and videos for every topic and skill in a course
@APforStudents	Twitter
https://blog.collegeboard.org/ap-courses-majors-and-careers	Explore AP courses that can set up for success in college and career.



TAKING AN AP EXAM

What can I expect?

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AP EXAM SCHEDULE

Name: AP Students

Week: 1 (5/6 - 5/10)



Monday (5/6)

U.S. Gov't

Tuesday (5/7)

Human Geo
MicroEcon

Wednesday (5/8)

English Lit

Thursday (5/9)

Chinese Lang
Env Science

Friday (5/10)

Euro History
US History

8am
(Local Time)

12pm
(Local Time)

Art History
Chemistry

Seminar
Statistics

Comp Gov't
Comp Sci A

Psychology

MacroEcon
Spanish Lit

AP Art &
Design
Portfolio





AP EXAM SCHEDULE

Name: AP Students

Week: 2 (5/13 - 5/17)



Monday (5/13)

8am
(Local Time)

Calc AB
Calc BC

Tuesday (5/14)

English Lang

Wednesday (5/15)

French Lang
World History

Thursday (5/16)

Spanish Lang

Friday (5/17)

German Lang
Physics 1

12pm
(Local Time)

Italian Lang
Precalculus

AA Studies
Physics C:M

CS Principles
Music Theory

Biology
Japanese Lang

Latin
Physics 2

2pm
(Local Time)

Physics C:
E&M



TIMELINE

registration

**Mypayments Plus
Registration for
Year Long Courses**
Friday Sept 29 - Friday,
Oct 27, 2023

**Exam
Administration**
May 6 - 17, 2024

**Mypayments Plus
Registration for
Economics Only**
Monday, Jan 8 - Friday,
March 1, 2024

Access Scores
Mid-July 2024



AP EXAM FEES



All Students will pay the **\$10 non-refundable registration fee**, along with any other exam costs, at [MyPaymentsPlus.com](https://mypaymentsplus.com)

GCPS will pay for 1 exam(\$98) for each student, as long as they are enrolled in the course for which they are testing.

GCPS will only pay \$98 for an AP Capstone Exam (AP Seminar OR AP Research); the parent/student is responsible for the additional **\$48** and will be billed \$48 in My Payments Plus.

Each additional exam is **\$98.00**, with the exception of AP Capstone Exams (AP Seminar or AP Research), which are **\$146.00** each.

GCPS Students who are Free/Reduced Lunch students and enrolled in AP Courses:
Gwinnett County Public Schools will pay for all exams after the \$10 registration fee.

The fee of \$40.00 for any exam that is a late order, requires late-testing, or is cancelled (and does not meet College Board approved guidelines) has been reinstated.



Recognition and Awards

- **AP Capstone Diploma or the AP Seminar and Research Certificate - Gold Collar at Graduation**
 - Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing receive the AP Capstone Diploma.
 - Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research but not on four additional AP Exams receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.
- **AP Scholar Achievement Award**—AP Scholar is a student who has earned a 3 or higher on three or more AP exams
- **AP Scholar with Honor**—AP Scholar with Honor is a student who has received an average score of 3.25 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams
- **AP Scholar with Distinction**—AP Scholar with Distinction has earned an average score of 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.



THANK YOU!

Please reach out if you have any
questions/concerns with AP
Courses or Exams in the future