



College Board Advanced Placement Courses provide college level studies for high school students who are ready to tackle college level work. Advanced Placement courses are taught using college level materials and strategies that will prepare student to take College Board Advanced Placement Examinations.

Wylie ISD AP Beliefs

All students can perform well at rigorous academic levels.

We can prepare every student for higher intellectual engagement.

Wylie ISD has an open enrollment policy for all AP courses. It is our belief that all Wylie ISD students interested in a post-secondary degree, should consider challenging themselves during their four years of high school by taking at least one AP course. The rigor of AP coursework will help educate and prepare students to be successful in college.

Choosing to enroll in an AP course in Wylie ISD is a mutual decision made by student, parent, teacher and school. Each entity is a vital participant in this choice and while the student bears the ultimate responsibility to achieve success, both the school and the parent play an important part in a student's success.

The responsibilities of each stakeholder include the following:

Wylie ISD will provide:

- Professional development opportunities for every AP teacher
- AP summer institute opportunities
- Exceptional instruction at college level and pace
- Continual communication to students and parents

The AP teacher will provide:

- Lessons aligned to College Board standards
- AP exam preparation
- An atmosphere promoting college readiness
- Lessons and instruction to meet individual student's academic needs
- Tutoring sessions
- Approved College Board Syllabus



Parent:

- Become familiar with AP course requirements and the AP drop policy- attend an AP informational parent night
- Help students organize their study and preparation time for each AP class
- Encourage and support their students when the course work becomes challenging
- Contact the teacher first with any concerns

Student:

- Become familiar with AP course requirements
- Understand the rigorous nature of AP coursework and commit themselves to work at the level required to be successful
- Attend class and make-up work when necessary
- Organize their time and effort; engage in study sessions
- Come to class prepared academically and make the choice to excel
- Take ownership for his or her learning; seek help and guidance from their teacher
- Attend tutorial sessions

How does Advanced Placement benefit students?

- Provides a learning opportunity to participate in a more rigorous curriculum
- Develops study skills and encourages study groups
- College Readiness and college-like experiences
- May increase the student's opportunity to be accepted by the college of their choice
- AP students who pass the College Board Advanced Placement examination are often exempt from introductory courses in college
- Weighted grade points upon successful completion of **some** courses
- Increase ACT and SAT scores

Who is eligible to take AP courses?

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How does AP courses differ from Dual Credit Courses?

Dual Credit	AP Course
Collin professor	WISD teacher
Tests/Syllabus Professor generated	Test/Syllabus Teacher and College Board
Student purchases materials and pays for class	Students purchases exam at the end of year possibility of reimbursement
Collin grading / Schedule	WISD grading / schedule
10 point GPA bump, UIL not affected	10 point GPA bump, UIL 60+
State school will take a C+, private or out of state varies	State schools will take a 3+, private or out of state varies but is more readily accepted

What is the drop policy for AP courses?

Students may drop any AP class during the first three weeks of each semester. After three weeks, students wishing to drop an AP class must go through a secondary steering committee. The committee will consist of the student, parent, teacher, counselor, and administrator. The committee is charged with encouraging students to fulfill their goal of successfully completing the AP course. A detailed plan will be outlined for the student to help him/her make the needed change in order to be successful in the class. After a determined period of time set by the committee, the members will reconvene and discuss other options available to the student.

Will I have summer assignments?

No. Teachers may provide material to help a student be more prepared for the first three weeks of school, but it is not a requirement and grades will not be taken over a summer assignment.

Do AP classes follow the district grading policies?

Yes. All classes follow the district grading policies and can be found in the student handbook.

Does the district require every student to take the AP test?

No. However, it is highly encouraged that every student takes the AP test. Regardless of their score, the test is one of the key elements in preparing students for college.



Does the district offer financial incentives for AP test?

Currently, Wylie ISD does not offer financial incentives. However, each campus does have a reimbursement plan, which may help offset the financial burden for some students.

If a student is assigned to DAEP, will he or she be able to continue in the PAP or AP class?

Yes. Students will have the option to continue in the AP coursework. The student will assume the responsibility of communicating with the AP teacher for: assignments, test, help, etc. The students will be responsible for working with the teacher in an online learning environment.