

Enrolling in an Advanced Placement (AP) course involves learning course content on a college level. AP courses have higher expectations in terms of understanding vocabulary, studying concepts, completing assignments, and reading course material. It is important for students to take into account the expectations for each course as listed below when choosing courses for the next school year. Students should also consider other courses in which they are enrolling and their extracurricular activities. \*Reminder: Advanced Placement coursework is exempt from APS homework guidelines of 30 minutes outside of class per class, so that students can access the full curriculum of the college level courses.

<b>ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE</b>		<b>Pages of reading PER CLASS daily or weekly</b>	<b>Hours of study/ assignments outside of class period PER CLASS daily or weekly</b>	<b>Tests, essays, papers PER QUARTER</b>	<b>Major Projects Other Requirements</b>
<b>Computer Science</b>					
AP Computer Science A		10 pages of technical information	1 hour daily (7 days a week)	8 tests	Labs; Case Study
AP Computer Science Principles		2-3 pages daily reading and writing response	1-1.5 hours daily (more if the work isn't completed in class as assigned)	Daily assignments and lab work 6-8 quizzes and/or tests	2 AP Performance Tasks – 1 research and 1 coding 4 Practice Performance Tasks
<b>English</b>					
AP English Language and Composition (11th)		25-50 pages	1 hour daily (5 days a week)	8-10 assignments, essays, quizzes, and tests modeled on AP format	Research techniques, formal research paper; seminar discussions, formal presentations
AP English Literature and Composition (12th)		Up to 50 pages (depending on genre)	1-1.5 hours daily depending on subject matter/ reading	8-10 assignments, essays, quizzes, and tests modeled on AP format	Research techniques, formal research paper; seminar discussions, formal presentations

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Fine Arts					
AP Music Theory		Varies	30 minutes – 1 hour per evening depending on subject/concept (Nightly Homework generally 30-45 minutes plus 10-15 minutes of ear training per night. Compositions will take additional time, but students usually have a week or more to complete compositions)	9 units of study (each with a unit test). 1-2 short compositions per unit. Tests include ear training, sight singing and dictation	Large final composition Project including a written analysis
AP Art & Design Drawing 2D Design		3 completed projects per half quarter; works should be done in class and at home with supporting sketchbook process work	6 completed projects per quarter; works should be done in class and at home with supporting sketchbook process work and maintaining a digital portfolio of work; 3-6 additional hrs outside of class time	6 completed projects per quarter; with supporting sketchbook process work and maintaining a digital portfolio of work; reading and research assignments	AP exam requires 15 – 20 pieces of artwork submitted in May; 15 in digital slide form and 5 actual pieces; plus written artist statement
World Language					
AP Spanish Language and Culture		Variable, depends on topic	30-45 minutes, depending on background	3-4 essays/papers; 2 tests; variable	Original writings based on topics studied; projects vary according to topic, theme

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<b>Mathematics</b>					
AP Statistics		5-15 pages	30 minutes – 1.5 hour, depending on topic	3-4 quizzes; 2-3 tests; 2-3 sets of AP questions	Unit projects involving application of real-life statistics
AP Calculus AB		3-5 pages	45 minutes - 1.5 hours	3-5 quizzes; 2 tests	Volume Project, Concept application projects
AP Calculus BC		4-6 pages	45 minutes – 1 hour per day	Usually 3 tests and 3 quizzes a quarter with daily homework	Volume Project, Applications of real life Calculus
<b>Science</b>					
Note: All AP Science courses meet for 90 minutes each day and require an independent science project. These courses receive 2 credits towards graduation.					
AP Biology		5-10 pages	45 minutes – 1 hour	Weekly quizzes; 2-3 major exams; 2-3 essays; labs	Science Project
AP Chemistry		5-10 pages	30 minutes – 1 hour	Approximately 4 tests, 4-5 quizzes, 5-7 labs	Science Project or Research Paper
AP Physics I		Limited required reading; text and online videos may be used to enhance/strengthen material introduced in class	30 minutes/day	2-3 quizzes; 1-2 tests per quarter. This includes a partner cumulative quiz each month	Science project

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AP Physics C		Limited	45– 75 minutes	3-4 quizzes; 2 cumulative tests per quarter	Science Project (completed after the AP exam) Note: Students must be enrolled in or have completed calculus
<b>Social Studies</b>					
Ap African American Studies		20-25 pages of reading per night	1-2 hours of study/review (per day) Terms/questions to answer for each chapter	1-2 tests, 1 essay, 1-2 papers	Project after the AP exam
AP European History		One chapter (roughly 35 pages)	30 minutes daily for assignments/review Questions related to readings, maps, timelines. Writing thesis/summaries	1-3 tests/quizzes, 2-4 writing assignments/ brief essays	Project after the AP exam
AP Psychology		7-15 pages of reading a night (Equivalent to 3-5 reading modules in text per week)	30-45 minutes per day; more just before a test	4-5 multiple choice tests; 4-5 essays	Emphasis is on test preparation; end of year, after AP exam culminating project
AP US Government		One chapter every 1-2 weeks and occasional supplemental readings	2-3 hours of study/review per week; Following current events in the news	2-4 tests and quizzes; 2-3 writing assignments	2-4 projects/ seminars per quarter
AP US History		One chapter per week	1-2 hours of study/review (per day) Terms/questions to answer for each chapter	2-3 tests; weekly quizzes	2-3 projects/papers per quarter

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AP World History		One chapter per week	2-3 hours of weekly study/review	1-3 tests and quizzes; 2-3 writing assignments	Final project after the AP exam Quarterly group or individual projects Supplemental reading & preparation for seminars/debates
AP Human Geography		One chapter per week (with chapter reading guides) plus occasional supplemental readings/case studies	1-4 hours per week Students usually have several days or more to complete an assignment outside of class	2-unit tests; 4 geography quizzes and 1-3 graded writing assignments.	1 major group assignment, 1 major individual assignment, and 1 seminar per quarter; Final project after AP exam