

THERE'S AN "AP"
FOR THAT!



COMMIT
TO YOUR FUTURE

COMMIT
TO WORKING HARD

COMMIT
TO BEING RESPONSIBLE

MAKE A
COMMITMENT
TO GRADUATE

HERITAGE

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ADVANCED
PLACEMENT
PROGRAM

The Advanced Placement Program, "AP" for short, was created by the College Board in 1955, as a way for motivated high school students to get a head start on college. Based on a student's performance on the challenging, end of course AP exam, they can earn college credit, placement in advanced college courses, or both, while simultaneously fulfilling high school requirements.

The College Board provides detailed information on all aspects of the Advanced Placement Program at www.collegeboard.com

BASIC INFORMATION

GRADUATION PLANS

All students enter the 9th grade on the **Recommended Plan** which requires 26 credits. Students may choose to pursue the **Distinguished Achievement Plan** which requires a third year of foreign language and four advanced measures such as a 3 or higher on an AP test. Each semester passed in a course which counts toward graduation earns a .5 credit, thus a year-long course equals 1.0 credits.

GPA

The Grade Point Average (GPA) is determined by the weight awarded to specific courses when determining a student's rank in class. Advanced courses are given extra grade points to account for the added challenge. For example, an 85 in a regular course earns 3.5 grade points, whereas the same grade in an AP course is worth 4.5 grade points.

REIMBURSEMENT

In an effort to encourage students not only to take AP subjects in high school but also to encourage them to take the AP exams, Frisco ISD will reimburse students for the registration fee for each exam on which they score a 3, 4, or 5.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Pre AP English I
Pre AP English II
Pre AP World Geography
Pre AP Chemistry
Pre AP Biology
Pre AP Physics
Pre AP Geometry
Pre AP Algebra II
Pre AP Pre-Calculus
Pre AP Foreign Languages (Spanish, French, German)
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
AP World History
AP U.S. History
AP Human Geography
AP Psychology
AP European History
AP U.S. Government & Politics
AP Macroeconomics
AP Environmental Science
AP Chemistry
AP Biology
AP Physics
AP Calculus
AP Statistics
AP Foreign Languages (Spanish, French, German)
AP Computer science
AP Art Studio
AP Art Drawing
AP Art History
AP Music Theory

**Course offerings are subject to change due to availability of staff and student interest.

Visit the course catalog at:
www.friscoisd.org/schools/heritage/
for details and prerequisites

WHAT SHOULD A STUDENT EXPECT FROM AN AP COURSE?

- Challenging course content
- Independent learning
- Reading EVERY night (especially in history and language arts)
- Research level assignments
- An advantage in college admission

HOW IS AP DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR CLASSES?

- Requires reading of a college text
- It is more than reading and answering questions at the end of the chapter
- It requires analysis of information
- More writing assignments

HOW TO SUCCEED

- Read faithfully and for understanding
- Take part in class discussion
- Form a study group with peers
- Consistent attendance
- Attend review sessions at the end of the year before the national exam