

GPISD Advanced Placement Contract

Standards and Expectations for Advanced and AP Courses*

- All Advanced/AP students are required to demonstrate proficiency with “Meets” grade level on the prior year’s STAAR/EOC test (in their Advanced/AP content area) and are *expected* to score at “Masters” grade level standard.
- Advanced courses are *college-prep* courses designed to prepare students to enter AP and/or Dual Credit courses and are graded accordingly.
- Grades from high school credit Advanced /AP courses taken at the middle school will follow high school grading procedures and policies and will begin the student’s high school grade point average (GPA).
- AP courses are *college-level* courses, and the course work completed will be graded at the college level.
- Every student enrolled in an AP course is strongly encouraged to take the AP Exam in May. College credit is awarded based on exam scores at the discretion of each college/university. AP students should visit the website below to see what credit will be awarded for specific exam scores by their university/college of choice:

www.apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies

- AP and Advanced students will receive weighted grade points **upon completion** of each semester.
- Advanced and AP classes are designed with the advanced learner in mind, giving students many opportunities to work at a more accelerated pace and to think more deeply about topics and issues. Extensive outside reading, research, and/or projects are to be expected in all Advanced and AP classes, and summer reading is a requirement in most Advanced and AP courses. Students should expect to be held accountable for summer reading assignments.
- Honor Code: Advanced / AP students are expected to do their own work on projects and assignments and to complete their work in a timely manner. Cheating or plagiarism in any form will result in serious academic consequences.
- District-Initiated Withdrawal: Any Advanced /AP student who does not maintain an average of 70 in an Advanced /AP course for each grading period within a semester may be re-evaluated for placement into a more appropriate classroom setting (i.e. on-level or Advanced) in that content area.
- Parent-Initiated Withdrawal: Any Advanced /AP student may exit an Advanced /AP course **within the first 10 school days**. After 10 school days, an Advanced /AP student will not be allowed to exit an Advanced /AP course **without the approval of the principal or the principal’s designee**.

NOTE: For AP courses without an on-level or Advanced course replacement, alternate placement options may not be available.

**More information regarding specific course requirements will be provided on the first day of class.*

I, the student, have read the expectations of the Advanced /AP Program and agree to make the commitment to complete the Advanced /AP courses to the best of my ability. I understand that the program has been designed to meet the needs of those students who desire a challenging curriculum that prepares them for advanced study. I understand that I will be required to maintain a positive attitude and a willingness to work and organize my time. I will notify the teacher immediately if I fall behind in class readings or assignments. I will attend tutoring on assigned days if the teachers feels it becomes necessary.

I, the parent/guardian, have read the expectations of the Advanced /AP Program and agree to help my son/daughter organize study time in support of class assignments. I will provide encouragement and support in this educational experience. I will notify the teacher immediately of any concerns that I have relating to the Advanced /AP class and my child’s progress. I also agree that my child will attend regular tutoring if it becomes necessary for his/her success.

Both student and parent signatures are required to acknowledge an understanding of the requirements for Advanced and AP courses and a commitment to the more rigorous standards and expectations.

Student _____
(Print)

Student _____
(Signature)

Date _____

Parent _____
(Print)

Parent _____
(Signature)

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