

AP Informational Night



BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL
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Baldwin High School – 2024 Advanced Placement Honor Roll, “Silver with Access”



- ▶ **District Receives ‘Silver with Access’ Designation Two years in a row**
- ▶ 1 of 4,570 High Schools out of over 15,000 in US & Canada to earn a place on the 2024 AP School Honor Roll
- ▶ 1 of 1,770 that also received the AP Access Award, demonstrating a clear and effective commitment to equitable access to advanced coursework.



AP School Honor Roll

2024



AP School Honor Roll

2023

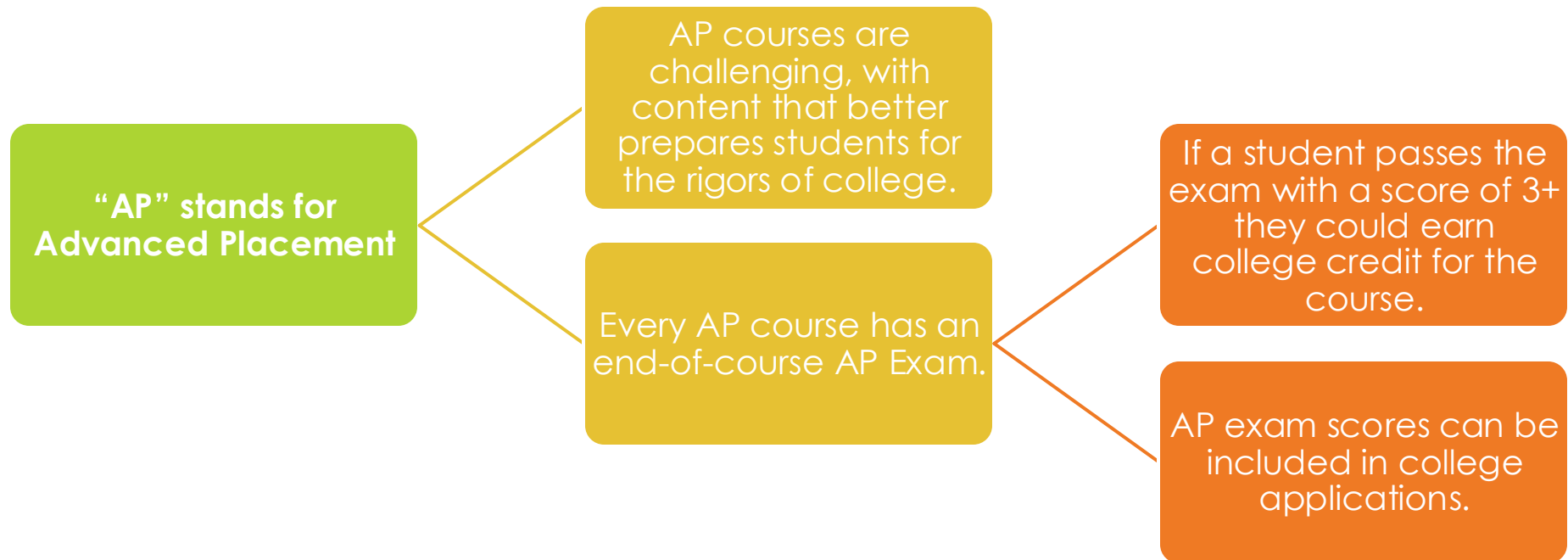


AP and College Completion Rates

- College students who have **not** taken an AP class have a **33%** chance of completing a Bachelor's Degree;
- College students who have completed **one** AP course have a **59%** chance of completing a Bachelor's Degree; and
- College students who have completed **two or more** AP courses increase to **76%** their chances of attaining a Bachelor's Degree.

(<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/Toolbox/toolbox.html>)

What is AP?



Why should I take AP Class(es)?

Better preparation for college level course work

Allow you to earn college credit for courses (3+ on Exam for most colleges)

Allow you to skip pre-requisite classes in college and save on tuition costs

Apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are necessary for college and career success

Strengthen your transcript for the college admissions process

AP Myths & Realities

Myths	Reality
AP courses are for students who always get good grades.	AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.
AP courses are too stressful.	It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the workload.
I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.	You don't need to score a 5. Many colleges grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.
Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.	AP courses have our highest weighting. Taking AP courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically.
I can't take AP because no one has recommended me.	If you think you're ready to take an AP course, then you're ready to advocate for yourself — just talk to a teacher or counselor.

**29 AP
Courses
Offered!!**

Baldwin High School Advanced Placement Courses 2025-2026

Art History	Art 2D
Drawing	Biology
Calculus AB	Calculus BC
Chemistry	Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles	English Language & Composition
English Literature	Environmental Science
French	Government & Politics
Human Geography	Italian
Music Theory	Physics I
Physics C – Mechanics	Psychology
Research	Seminar
Spanish	Statistics
US History	World History
AP Precalculus	AP African American Studies

Baldwin High School AP Course Intent Form

ADVANCED PLACEMENT STATEMENT OF INTENT AND APPLICATION

Directions: Complete this form and list each A.P. course that you plan to take.
Sign it, have your parent sign it, and return to your school counselor.

Student's Name _____

A.P. Course (List all):

I understand that an Advanced Placement course is a college level course and that requirements are significantly higher than those of the high school level. I also understand my admission to the program is subject to final review of my grades at the end of the present school year.

I understand that I am committing to the courses listed above and understand that making a schedule change in September may not be possible or available. I further understand that I will be expected to take the Advanced Placement Examination at the conclusion of the course. A fee is incurred for each exam.

Parent's Signature Student's Signature

Date

Supervisor Section to be signed for students who are not initially recommended for the course

____ I recommend this student	____ Supervisor Signature	____ Department	____ Date
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Baldwin High School AP Statement of Intent and Application Form

TAKE AT LEAST ONE AP COURSE BEFORE YOU GRADUATE!

- ▶ AP courses and exams help students build the critical skills important for success in high school, college, and career, and are aligned to the proposed New York State Portrait of a Graduate, which outlines that high school graduates should demonstrate proficiency as "critical thinkers, innovative problem solvers, literate across all content areas, culturally competent, socially-emotionally competent, effective communicators, and global citizens."
- ▶ Through AP courses, students can discover their professional passions because all courses link to college majors and career paths.
- ▶ AP PSYCHOLOGY
- ▶ AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES
- ▶ AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
- ▶ AP AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES
- ▶ AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
- ▶ AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE FOR SENIORS

AP Capstone Curriculum

Developed in response to feedback from Higher Education

AP Capstone is an innovative program that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills valued by colleges. The program is based on two new skills-based AP courses:

AP Seminar and AP Research

Emphasizes Critical Skills Needed for College & Beyond

Complements the in-depth subject-matter study in AP

The AP Capstone program empowers students to:

- synthesize information from multiple perspectives
- apply skills in new situations and cross-curricular contexts
- collect and analyze information with accuracy and precision
- craft, communicate, and defend evidence-based arguments
- practice disciplined and scholarly research skills while exploring relevant topics that appeal to their interests and curiosity.

Two Courses – Two Levels of Distinction

A flexible two-course program that engages students in rigorous college-level curricula while promoting the critical skills needed for success in college and beyond.

AP Capstone Diploma™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will receive the **AP Capstone Diploma™**.

AP SEMINAR (Year 1)

- Team Project & Presentation
- Individual Research-Based Essay & Presentation
- End-of-Course Exam

AP RESEARCH (Year 2)

- Academic Paper
- Presentation & Oral Defense

4 AP COURSES & EXAMS
(Taken at any point throughout high school)

AP Seminar and Research Certificate™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research will receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate™**.

AP Scholars

Award	Criteria
AP Scholar	Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams
AP Scholar with Honor	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams
AP Scholar with Distinction	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams

Advanced Placement Scholar Awards 2023-2024

AP Scholar	92
AP Scholar with Honors	21
AP Scholar with Distinction	58
AP Capstone	22
AP Seminar and Research Certificate	11
AP Scholar Total	171

Advanced Placement Enrollment

Year	# of Students	# of Exams
2023-2024	548	998
2022-2023	536	987
2021-2022	537	973
2020-2021	512	917

New Digital Format for AP Exams

- ▶ Starting in May 2025, standard paper testing will be discontinued for 28 AP Exams—these exams will move to the Bluebook digital testing application.
- ▶ Students will take digital exams in the [Bluebook](#) app.
- ▶ Of the 28 digital exams in 2025, 16 will be fully digital and 12 will be hybrid digital.
- ▶ Those that are hybrid the students will handwrite their free-response answers in paper exam booklets that are returned for scoring.
- ▶ Go to <https://bhs.baldwinschools.org/for-parents-and-students/ap-testing-information>



Questions?