

Current Advanced Placement Course Offerings

AP Biology

AP Calculus AB

AP Chemistry

AP English Literature & Composition

AP French Language

AP Spanish Language

AP Statistics

Coming Soon:

AP US History &

AP Studio Art: Drawing

Benefits to taking AP courses:



Students gain the edge in college preparation.



Students stand out in the college admissions process.



Students broaden their intellectual horizons.



Students have the opportunity to take the AP exam and possibly earn college credit while still in high school.

For more information, contact your student's counselor:

**Central High School
323-1756**

**North High School
388-9880**

**West High School
386-5500**



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Advanced Placement Courses

Ride Ahead of the Rest



Davenport Community Schools participates in the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Program by offering a variety of AP courses at Central, North, and West High schools. More than 90% of colleges and universities in the United States and Canada have a policy granting incoming students credit, placement, or both for qualifying AP exam scores.

What You Need to Know about Advanced Placement in the Davenport Schools

One of the benefits of taking an AP course is the opportunity to take the AP exam and possibly earn college credit while in high school. The AP examinations are administered each year in May during the school day and represent the culmination of college-level work in a given discipline in a high school setting. Scores are reported to students and colleges/universities in July. In May of 2005, 2.1 million AP exams were taken. You can



Get more out of high school...

check to see if the college/university choice of your student participates in the College Board AP Program at this web link: <http://apps.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/index.jsp>. Upon registering for an AP course, students are committing to taking the three terms taught by AP-trained and College Board-authorized instructors and to taking the AP exams. Since AP course curriculum and instructors are preparing

students for this, Davenport students enrolled in AP courses are strongly encouraged to take the corresponding AP exams. The 2007 fee for each exam was \$83. For the past few years, fees have been waived for students who qualify for free/reduced fees. The final decision is made at the state level in mid February.

Your student's teacher will be discussing the exam registration. Students must sign up for the exam and pay the fee (if applicable) in March.

Advanced Placement Honor

At the Advanced Placement Regional Forum in Chicago on February 28, 2006, Ms. Patricia Sheehey and Ms. Hildasue Peterson were representatives for the recognition West High School received for its Advanced Placement Program. This award is given to one school in each state based on the senior class population, the number of AP exams taken, and the percentage of scores at 3 and higher. West High School sets high standards for student academics.

Education Is Changing Today

Many state universities and colleges are no longer taking any state resident who applies. Competition is increasing in many prestigious institutions. College-bound students need every edge to guarantee

acceptance at the college/university of choice. Taking college-level courses in high school can give students the academic and social confidence they need to be successful in college. Saving money doesn't hurt either.

According to Rod Paige, former U.S. Secretary of Education, "College entrance exams reveal that young people who take challenging classes, such as Advanced Placement courses, perform better than their peers regardless of their family or financial backgrounds. Taking the harder classes is one of the keys to academic success." Get a head start on college-level work. Improve your writing and thinking skills, and sharpen your problem-solving techniques in many subject areas. Stand out in the admissions process by demonstrating your maturity and readiness for college.



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