

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

A guide to GUHSD's Honors and AP Academics.



**Excellence:
Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow**

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Moon Valley High School
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Sunnyslope High School
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Thunderbird High School
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DUAL ENROLLMENT

EARN COLLEGE CREDIT WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL

Dual enrollment allows students an opportunity to earn college credit while completing high school requirements. The program is offered through many AP and Career and Technical Education classes.

SAVE TUITION BY CHOOSING DUAL ENROLLMENT

A total of 62 college credits could cost approximately \$80,000 at an out-of-state university. At an in-state school like Arizona State University, those credits could cost around \$56,172. Through GUHSD's dual enrollment program, those credits would cost approximately \$5,000, saving families over \$51,000 in tuition cost.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES OFFERED BY GUHSD

AP English Language & Composition

AP English Literature & Composition

AP Calculus AB & BC

AP Statistics

AP Physics 1 Algebra Based

AP Biology

AP Chemistry

AP U.S. Government & Politics

AP U.S. History

AP World Languages

AP Computer Science & Principles

AP Art (2D, 3D, Drawing)

TYPICAL HONORS/AP SCHEDULE

FRESHMAN YEAR:

- Honors English 1-2
- Honors Algebra/Geometry
- Honors Thinking Science or Honors Biology
- Physical Education
- World Language 1-2 or elective of your choice

SOPHOMORE YEAR:

- Honors English 3-4
- Honors Algebra 2
- Honors Chemistry
- AP World History
- World Language 3-4 or elective of your choice

JUNIOR YEAR:

- AP Language
- Honors Pre Calculus
- AP Sciences (Biology, Physics, Chemistry)
- AP U.S. History
- World Language 5-6 or elective of your choice

SENIOR YEAR:

- AP Literature
- AP Calculus (AB or BC)/AP Statistics
- AP Sciences (Biology, Physics, Chemistry)
- AP Government
- AP World Language or elective of your choice

HONORS DIPLOMA

The Honors Diploma requires a student to earn 24 credits and successfully complete 6 Honors/AP courses. Four of the 6 courses must be completed during the student's junior and senior years. The student must maintain a 3.0 Core Point Average (CPA) or rank in the top 25% of his/her class. Students completing these requirements will earn a seal indicating this standard of excellence on their diploma.

Science	3	World Language	2
Social Studies	3	Fine Arts	1
Language Arts	4	Physical Education	1
Mathematics	4	Electives	6

AP INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA (APID)

The Glendale Union High School District has provided the opportunity for all students to receive an AP International Diploma from The College Board. The AP International Diploma (APID) is a globally recognized award for students interested in pursuing university studies outside their native country. It requires students to display mastery on AP exams across several disciplines, and represents an exceptional level of achievement. Students must earn a score of 3 or higher on five or more total AP exams.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT VERSUS INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?

Both Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs are rigorous and immediately convey credibility to the top universities.

AP Versus IB	AP	IB
Offers a prestigious program based on rigorous curriculum that prepares students for college-level work	X	X
Allows students to earn college credit for courses taken during high school	X	X
Attracts the attention of international universities	X	X
Requires research, critical thinking and writing	X	X
Offers an international diploma for students planning to study at universities outside the country	X	X
Allows students to select classes based on their interests	X	
Conducts annual evaluative research on its courses and program	X	
Saves GUHSD parents money*	X	
<p>*IB program examination fees are more than \$800. AP exams cost \$94 each.</p> <p>GUHSD pays for each student's AP examination, resulting in no cost to the parent.</p>		

Research shows that AP students are more likely to graduate from college within four years. Students who graduate in more than four years from a public college or university can spend up to \$22,000 for each additional year.

*Information based on 2016 reports.



FREE COLLEGE CREDIT COURTESY OF GLENDALE UNION

Are you ready for a unique learning experience that will help you succeed in college? Through Advanced Placement (AP) college-level courses and exams, you can earn college credit, stand out in the college admission process, and learn from some of the most skilled, dedicated and inspiring teachers in the world.

Challenge Yourself

From the moment you enter an AP classroom, you'll notice the intensified rigor. You'll engage in intense discussions, solve problems collaboratively and learn to write clearly and persuasively.

Find Your Passion

With numerous courses to choose from, you will explore your interests and discover new passions. In AP classes, you'll study fascinating topics and ideas that just might become the foundation of your future college major or career.

Prepare to Succeed in College

AP courses can help you acquire the skills and habits you will need to be successful in college. You'll improve your writing skills, sharpen your problem-solving abilities, and develop time-management skills, discipline and study habits.

Earn College Credit

Most four-year colleges in the United States, and colleges in more than 60 other countries, give students credit on the basis of AP exam scores. By entering college with AP credits, you will have the time to move into upper-level courses and pursue a double major or study abroad.

