



## **Benefits of Taking the AP Exam**



When talking to students about their decision to take, or not take, their corresponding AP exam(s) the goal is to encourage all students to take the exam. Below you will find some benefits of taking the exam(s) that you can share with your students.

- As a nationally recognized program that includes a standardized assessment of knowledge and skills, AP offers a consistent measure of academic achievement.
- Students with AP on their transcripts, and a corresponding AP exam score, show exposure to rigorous, college-level curricula and college readiness.
- AP exam scores can be used as admission criteria for special programs and honors colleges.
- All Maryland public colleges and universities will accept a score of a 3 or higher on an AP exam for college credit. This can provide significant tuition savings.
- AP exam scores may be used by some colleges and universities to determine merit based scholarships or grants.
- An AP exam score of 3 or higher may allow you to bypass introductory courses at many colleges and universities.
- Taking an AP class and the corresponding AP exam(s) shows commitment to the rigorous AP curriculum.
- Without a final exam in high school courses, taking an AP exam allows you to practice studying and taking a lengthy comprehensive exam. This prepares you for final exams in college.