

LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM COURSE INFORMATION

Introduction Legacy High School offers a wide variety of Advanced Placement (AP) courses for students. This program, developed by the College Board, offers college-level courses to high school students, enabling them the opportunity to earn college credit and prepare for rigorous post-secondary education. Legacy High School has a strong history of high performance on AP Exams. In 2024, 965 students took 1917 AP exams with 80% scoring 3 or higher. This document outlines all of the important information that families and students need to know about our AP program.

Benefits of AP Courses

- **College Credit**: Achieve qualifying scores on AP exams (typically a 3 or higher) to earn college credit and potentially skip introductory college courses. <u>Click here</u> for a tool to research colleges that offer credit or placement for AP scores.
- Enhanced College Applications: Demonstrate academic readiness and commitment through AP coursework.
- **Skill Development**: Build confidence and experience with challenging college-level material.
- **Engaging Topics**: Explore a variety of rewarding and interesting subjects.

AP Course Offerings

- Utilize the <u>AP Course Landing Page</u> for detailed information about each Legacy AP course and their requirements.
- For a comprehensive list of AP course offerings at Legacy High School, please view our <u>Course</u>
 Selection Guide.

AP Exams

- **Exam Format**: Most exams include multiple-choice and free-response sections. Most exams take 2-3 hours to complete. Some courses are assessed using a portfolio-based exam that assess work submitted over time.
- Scoring: Exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5. The score is a weighted combination of scores on the multiple-choice and free-response sections. Scores of 3 or higher are typically eligible for college credit.
- **Costs**: Exams cost \$99 each, with financial assistance available. Contact your counselor for details.

Key Policies

- Commitment: Students will not be allowed to drop AP classes once they have registered for class, have signed the AP recommendation form/contract, and have been approved. All students who take AP classes will be required to take the AP exams in May. If this expectation is not met, the grade for the course will not be weighted.
- 2. Weighted GPA: Grade Point Average (GPA) for AP courses is calculated on a weighted scale

REGULAR SCALE	WEIGHTED SCALE
A = 4 points	A = 5 points
B = 3 points	B = 4 points
C = 2 points	C = 3 points
D = 1 points	D = 2 points
F = 0 points	F = 0 points

Registration Process

- 1. **Course Exploration**: Utilize the <u>AP Course Landing Page</u> for detailed information about each Legacy AP course and their requirements prior to registering for a course.
- Family Discussions: Evaluate interests, goals, and time commitments to decide on suitable
 courses. The <u>AP Course Landing Page</u> will have more detailed information regarding the time
 commitments expected for each course.
- 3. **Submit Recommendations**: Obtain <u>teacher recommendations</u> and complete the digital AP contract by <u>February 5th at noon</u>. Students are required to obtain a recommendation to take an AP course. (For students currently attending Legacy current 8th grade students do not need to follow this process)
- 4. Register in Infinite Campus: Log all desired courses before February 11th.

Support & Resources

- Counselors: Available during lunch hours and in the counseling office for additional assistance.
- Online Help: Refer to the <u>school website</u> for guides on using Infinite Campus and course registration. Utilize the <u>AP Course Landing Page</u> for detailed information about each Legacy AP course and their requirements.
- AP Program Website: For additional information about the Legacy High School AP Program, visit the Legacy High School AP Website.
- **College Board Website**: For more information about Advanced Placement and College Board resources, visit the <u>College Board website</u>.