

Notification of Advanced Coursework Access

The Naples Central School District strongly encourages eligible students to enroll in rigorous and robust course opportunities. Advanced opportunities exist in the form of honors, accelerated, dual-enrollment, and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Advanced coursework provides an opportunity for students to gain skills and demonstrate competencies at a higher level. Other benefits may include:

- improving a student's self-confidence and image of self
- demonstrating a student's preparedness for college-level coursework
- earning college credit(s) prior to graduation
- reducing future costs for higher education
- reducing the amount of time students must spend in secondary and/or postsecondary school

Description of Programming:

Accelerated / Honors Courses

These courses are offered to help students prepare for the academic rigor of dual enrollment and Advanced Placement courses. These courses are not weighted for GPA and rank calculations.

Dual-Enrollment Courses

Dual-enrollment courses allow eligible students to earn college credit through Finger Lakes Community College and Alfred State College. Additional information about these courses can be found on the course description page on the Guidance website. Dual enrollment courses are weighted by 5% for GPA and class rank calculations.

Advanced Placement Courses

Advanced Placement courses are governed by regulations established by the College Board. These courses offer college-level content and examinations. College credit is awarded by individual colleges and universities based on the AP exam score. Additional information about these courses can be found on the course description page on the Guidance website. AP classes are weighted by 10% for GPA and class rank calculations.

Student Supports for Success

Teachers are available for additional support from 2:30 - 3:25 PM Tuesdays through Fridays. It may be possible to connect with teachers at other times throughout the day.

Cost and Financial Assistance

Dual enrollment courses through FLCC are currently free. College Algebra is available through Alfred State College. This course is also free to Naples students.

The cost of Advanced Placement exams is set by the College Board each year. The cost in 2025-26 was \$99 per exam. Economic hardship fee waivers are available for students who qualify.

Any concerns regarding the cost of any of these programs should be addressed with the school counselor.