

ADVANCED COURSES

Mahopac High School has advanced courses in each content area. These courses contain content at a scholarly level comparable to a college course. Students are encouraged to discuss with their teachers and counselor the opportunities available for study in their areas of interest. There are three different types of advanced courses available to students: Advanced Placement, College/Concurrent Enrollment and Honors.

Mahopac High School does not numerically rank. Senior grade point averages are calculated and placed on a distribution graph of the entire senior class. This distribution graph is printed in our School Profile sent to colleges.

The chart below illustrates our weighting system for Regents, Honors and College / AP courses for the classes:

Regents	Final Grade + 0 points
Honors	Final Grade + 3 points
College/AP	Final Grade + 5 points

Weighting for Honors and College/AP coursework is added to the student's Final Grade in the course.

Advanced Placement (AP): These courses follow a national curriculum and attempt to explore the content in depth through readings, discussion, and writing. Students must have advanced skills in those areas to be successful. Most AP courses have summer reading and outside research work as a part of the syllabus. The College Board, the accrediting agency for these courses, administers a final exam in each designated course. Exams are scaled 1-5, with a 5 being the highest possible score. Students taking an AP course are required to take the exam. There is a cost for the exam. These costs may be reduced in cases of financial hardship. Exams take place in May. Students will need to request their AP score to be sent from Collegeboard.org to the college of their choice.

Concurrent Enrollment or Dual Credit: These courses at Mahopac High School are collaborative efforts between the high school and university or college. A course that has concurrent status follows a curriculum designed by the college or university. Exams, homework, and activities within the class are designed to provide the student with a course comparable to the one they would take at the college level. Students should carefully read the requirements of these courses. There is a cost associated with

any concurrent course if, and only if, the student chooses to take the course for college credit. These courses are free for students to take for HS credit only. If needed, a student may apply for financial aid through the college or university.

Honors: The Honors program at Mahopac High School is designed to provide students with a curriculum at a scholarly level. The courses designated as Honors (H) have a rigorous and creative approach to the content. The Honors program is for students who want a stronger and different approach to the curriculum.

Regents: All core courses follow the Regents curriculum as prescribed by the State of New York and the Mahopac School District. All Regents level courses prepare students for the state exam.

Requesting Transcripts: In order to transfer college credits, students will need to request a transcript from the registrar's office of the college/university that is granting credits.