



Advanced Placement (AP) Program – Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do students need high marks to enter the AP program?

While strong academic achievement in Grade 8 (and continued solid work habits in Grade 9) is recommended, AP is not reserved for “perfect” students. Schools typically look for:

- Consistent academic performance
 - A willingness to take on enrichment and academic challenges
- AP is ultimately about **effort, curiosity, and commitment**.
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2. Is a student able to move into the AP program if they are currently enrolled in the general stream?

Yes. Upon application and review, students may be accepted into the **Pre-AP program in Grade 10**, depending on readiness and available space.

3. Is a student able to apply to multiple AP programs?

No. Students should only apply to the **AP program offered at their designated home school**.

4. Are there different AP applications for each school?

No. All AP locations use the **same application form** and follow the same process.



5. Are there any exemptions for the \$50 AP application fee?

No. The **\$50 application fee is non-refundable** for all AP applicants.

6. Does the AP application also serve as an application to the general stream at SJDB?

No. AP applications and general stream applications are **separate** processes.

7. What are the timelines for the SJDB AP application process?

- **Application deadline:** December 3, 2025
 - **Notification window:** December 15–17, when students will be informed of their application status
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8. What AP courses will be offered in Grades 11 and 12?

Course offerings will be available across the four AP subject areas:

- English
- Mathematics
- Sciences
- Canadian and World Studies

Courses that run each year will depend on **student course selections and enrollment numbers**.



9. Are special teachers hired to teach AP classes?

No. Current teachers are **qualified and will be certified** to teach AP courses.

10. Can students leave the AP program if it isn't the right fit?

Yes. As with any program level, students who feel overwhelmed may meet with Guidance to explore alternative pathways for the following school year that better support their well-being.

11. What if my child is anxious that AP may be “too hard”?

AP is designed to challenge students in a **supportive and structured** environment. Students benefit from:

- Strong teacher support
- Gradual preparation beginning in Pre-AP
- Clear routines and expectations

With consistency, resilience, and a growth mindset, many students thrive in AP.

12. Can AP help with university admissions in Canada?

Yes. While AP courses do not guarantee acceptance, universities often view AP students as:

- Academically prepared
- Motivated and capable of advanced study
- Strong candidates who demonstrate initiative

Many universities also consider AP exam scores for **advanced standing or credit**.