

Scotia Glenville High School

Academic Goals for 2017

- * INCREASE RIGOR
- * INCREASE DIVERSITY OF COURSE OFFERINGS
- * OFFER MORE CAREER & COLLEGE CONNECTIONS



- 1) Advanced Placement Courses (AP)
- 2) Syracuse University Project Advance Courses (SUPA)



**An Introduction to the
Advanced Placement Program®**

Scotia-Glenville High School

Welcome

Scotia-Glenville HS is committed to every student's success.

We believe access to rigorous course work such as Advanced Placement® (AP®) and Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA) plays an important role in that success.



What We'll Cover

- What are Advanced Placement® Courses?
- The Benefits
- AP® Exams
- What Is It Like to Take AP and SUPA?
- Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices
- Q & A



What Are Advanced Placement[®] Courses?

Advanced Placement[®]: The Basics

- AP[®] courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students take **AP Exams** at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college

AP[®] at SGHS

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Teacher Training

Teachers attend professional development training delivered by the College Board



Our AP[®] Courses

12 OFFERINGS

- **English:** English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences:** Microeconomics, Psychology, United States History, World History
- **Mathematics:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, **Computer Science Principles**
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry

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- Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills
- Taking AP is valued in the college admission process
- AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences
- Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college
- Financial benefits!



AP[®] from the College Admissions Perspective

- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions*
 - Colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admission decision
 - AP courses tell college admission officials that students are challenging themselves and preparing for the rigors they'll encounter in their college careers
- *Unpublished institutional research, Crux Research Inc., March 2007

AP[®]: Skills & Advantages that Last a Lifetime

- Taking an AP course helps students build critical thinking skills, confidence, and the essential time management and study skills needed for college success
- Nationally, research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically earn higher grade point averages in college and have higher graduation rates than their non-AP peers*

**2009, The College Board, "The Relationship Between AP Exam Performance and College Outcomes"*

AP[®] Helps Students Graduate on Time & Save Money

- Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to complete a college degree on time.* Graduating in four years represents a significant savings on the cost of college.
- Only 1 in 4 college students completes a bachelor's degree in 4 years.
- The average cost of college for a single year is \$23,410** for in-state schools (tuition, fees, room/board, misc. expenses).

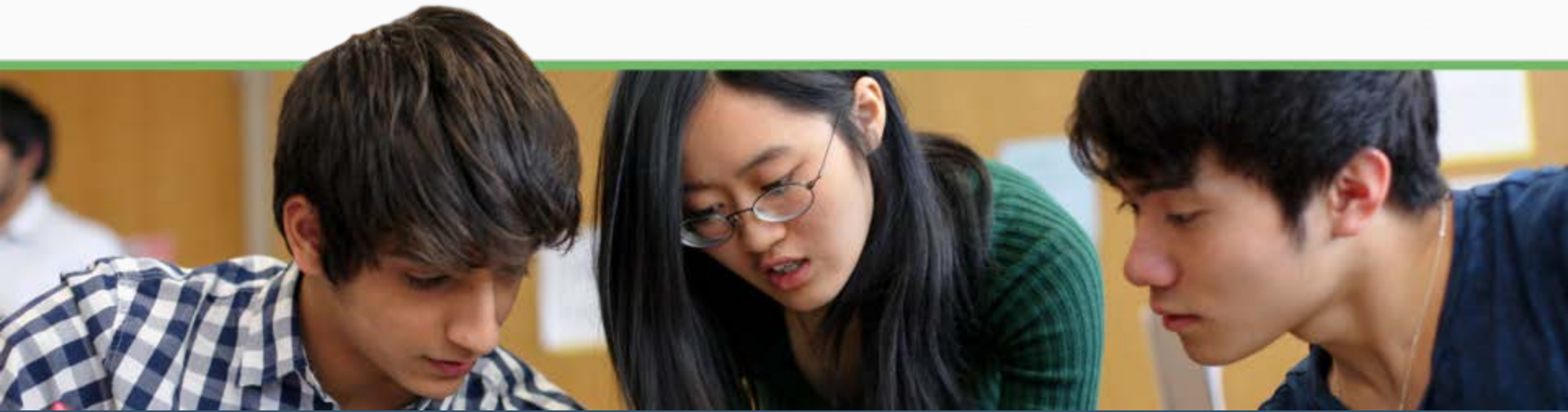
*College Outcomes Comparisons by AP and Non-AP High School Experiences, *The College Board, 2008*

***The College Board, Trends in College Pricing 2014, Figure 1*

AP[®] Expands Students' Options

When students earn college credit through AP Exams, their options and opportunities expand:

- Move to upper-level college courses sooner
- Pursue a double major
- Gain time to study and travel abroad



AP[®]: A More Engaging Learning Experience

AP courses challenge students to work and participate at a higher level:

- Opportunities to explore topics in depth
- More time in and out of the classroom required to complete assignments and projects
- High expectations for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evidence, multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications

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AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.

- Exams are typically 2–3 hours and include:
 - Multiple-choice questions
 - Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response



AP[®] Exam Fees

- The exam fee for 2017 is \$93 per exam.
- Assistance is available for eligible students with financial need:
 - The College Board generally offers a fee reduction per exam for eligible students with financial need.
 - Financial assistance is available to any student/family that expresses a need related to exam fees.
 - **The AP exam fees are due November 1st**

Credit and Placement Opportunities

Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at

www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.



The screenshot shows the CollegeBoard website interface for AP Credit Policy Info. The page is titled "AP Credit Policy Info" and "Advanced Placement Program". It features a search bar labeled "School Name:" with a dropdown menu and a "Go" button. Below the search bar, there is a list of subjects: "A - B - C - D - E - F - G - H - I - J - K - L - M - N - O - P - Q - R - S - T - U - V - W - X - Y - Z". The page also includes a "Trust" logo in the bottom right corner.

- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy

Controlling your scores



School Code: _____
AP® Score Withholding Form

By signing this form, you confirm that you agree with the terms and conditions on this form. You also certify that you are the person (or the parent/guardian of the person) whose personal information is being provided for this service. (Archived scores *cannot* be withheld.)

Provide the information requested and mail this form to AP Services at P.O. Box 6671, Princeton, NJ 08541-6671 or fax to 610-290-8979. Please print all of the fields except Signature.

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ AP Number(s) Associated with Exam(s): _____ Year(s) of the Exam(s) to Be Withheld: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

(Signature of Student or Parent/Guardian required for processing request)

School Name: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Fill in the circle(s) next to the AP Exam score(s) to be withheld.

Exam Code	Exam Name	Exam Code	Exam Name	Exam Code	Exam Name
<input type="radio"/> 07	U. S. History	<input type="radio"/> 37	English Literature and Composition	<input type="radio"/> 68	Calculus BC
<input type="radio"/> 13	Art History	<input type="radio"/> 40	Environmental Science	<input type="radio"/> 75	Music Theory
<input type="radio"/> 14	Studio Art-Drawing	<input type="radio"/> 43	European History	<input type="radio"/> 78	Physics B
<input type="radio"/> 15	Studio Art-2-D Design	<input type="radio"/> 48	French Language and Culture	<input type="radio"/> 80	Physics C: Mech.
<input type="radio"/> 16	Studio Art-3-D Design	<input type="radio"/> 53	Human Geography	<input type="radio"/> 82	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
<input type="radio"/> 20	Biology	<input type="radio"/> 55	German Language and Culture	<input type="radio"/> 83	Physics 1
<input type="radio"/> 22	Seminar	<input type="radio"/> 57	Government and Politics: U.S.	<input type="radio"/> 84	Physics 2
<input type="radio"/> 23	Research	<input type="radio"/> 58	Government and Politics: Comparative	<input type="radio"/> 85	Psychology
<input type="radio"/> 25	Chemistry			<input type="radio"/> 87	Spanish Language and Culture
<input type="radio"/> 28	Chinese Language and Culture				

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What is it like to take AP[®]?

AP[®] Myths & Realities

Myth	Reality
AP courses are for students who always get good grades.	AP courses are for any students who are academically prepared and motivated to take college-level courses.
AP courses are too stressful.	It's no secret that AP courses are challenging. But the support you receive from your classmates and teachers can help you manage the work load.
I don't think I will score high enough on the AP Exam to get college credit.	You don't need to score a 5. Many colleges grant credit — and placement as well — based on a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.
Taking AP courses could hurt my GPA.	Taking AP courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically.
I can't take AP because no one has recommended me.	If you think you're ready to take an AP course, then you're ready to advocate for yourself — just talk to a teacher or counselor.



Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices

AP[®]: Start the Conversation

Help your child prepare to talk to a teacher or counselor about AP. Here are some questions to encourage your child to think about:

What AP / SUPA course is right for me?

Before you talk to a teacher or counselor, think about what interests you:

- Which courses do you enjoy most in school? In which subjects do you excel?
- What college majors are you considering? What careers excite you?

Ask your counselor or teacher the following questions:

- In which AP courses at our school am I likely to do well?
- Are there other courses that can help me succeed in AP or prepare me for college and careers?

What steps do I need to take?

- What is our school's enrollment deadline? – **Course sign-ups occurring the week of Feb. 13th**
- May I speak with a student who has taken an AP course? - **See a counselor or friend**

Scotia Glenville Advanced Placement Timeline

- * Parent meeting with Academic Heads and Principal (February)
- * Work with teacher/counselor to request a course (February)
- * Complete any summer assignments prior to course if applicable (July/August)
- * Submit payment for AP exam(s) (November 1st deadline)
- * Submit payment for SUPA (September or pay during the year)
- * Complete AP exam(s) and determine score reporting preferences (May)
- * Complete AP course(s) and reap the benefits of success! (June and beyond)

AP[®]: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT[®] results: My College QuickStart™
www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities:
www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy
- Project advance information available at: supa.syr.edu

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Questions and Answers