

Advanced Academic Night



Hillgrove High School

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Welcome!

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WHO IS YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR?



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Advanced Placement and Honors Program

- **Honors classes** have the same course standards as **on-level classes** but are tailored for high-achieving students – covering additional topics and/or some topics in greater depth.
- **AP courses** Cover the breadth of information, skills and assignments found in corresponding college **courses**.
- AP classes are more challenging than honors or on-level classes. They involve deeper concentration, more time and energy, and students must meet higher expectations.

Who Can Take AP and Honors Courses?

- AP and/or Honors courses are the right choice for you if you are motivated to work hard, and if you enjoy an academic challenge.
- Teachers make recommendations based on academic performance each year.
- Parents and students are encouraged to discuss these recommendations with their teachers.

The Benefits of AP classes?

- Students have the opportunity to earn college credit by taking the related AP exam.
- Help develop college-level academic skills.
- Save money on tuition and possibly graduate from college sooner.
- Impress college admissions officers by showing you are ready for college-level coursework.
- Strengthen your transcript and increase your chances for scholarships.
- AP classes can boost your GPA and strengthen your college application.

Should I take AP Courses?

- High-achieving Freshmen and Sophomores may take select AP courses, but the selection is limited.
- Juniors and Seniors have access to many more AP courses, but they should not choose more than they can adequately manage.
- AP Potential uses PSAT data to identify students who are likely to score a 3 or higher on a specific AP exam. These results can help students determine which AP classes are a good fit.

When are AP Exams?

- All AP Exams are given the first two weeks of May. They typically last 3 hours and include three possible types of questions or tasks: multiple-choice questions, free-response questions, and course performance tasks. Most AP Exams are a mix of multiple-choice and free-response questions.
- Visit apstudents.collegeboard.org for more information on each AP Exam.

Cost of AP Exams

- The exam fee for 2025 is **\$114** for the first exam (includes a **\$15** administration fee) and **\$99** for each additional exam.
- One (1) AP STEM exam is covered by the state (Math, Science, and Computer Science A).
- All exams are covered for students in the free/reduced lunch program (excluding the \$15 administration fee).

AP Exam Grading System

- AP Exams are scored using a five-point scale.
- Students who do well on the exams may become eligible to receive credit or placement in college.
 - Most colleges require at least a 3 or higher to receive credit.

College Board AP Credit Search

- College Board's AP Credit Search allows students to find colleges and universities that offer credit or placement for AP scores. However, for the most up-to-date AP credit policy information, students are encouraged to check the institution's website.
- <https://apscore.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>

Example of AP Credit Policy

- Your AP experience might exempt you from taking introductory courses in college.

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Credit Policy

Kennesaw State University

Kennesaw, GA

Offers credit for AP Exams	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes
Offers placement into higher-level courses for AP Exams	<input type="radio"/> No

From the college: Kennesaw State University honors Advance Placement (AP) credit for certain classes in which an equivalent is offered and for which the minimum required score is achieved. For details on the scores required and course equivalencies, contact the Office of the Registrar. The graduation residency requirements serves as the limit for the amount of AP credit a student may receive.

For more information, [view the credit policy on this college's website](#).

Additional restrictions and requirements may apply to the policy listed below. For more detailed information, visit the college's AP policy on the Web or contact the college directly.

Exam Title	Min. Score Required	Number of Credits	Equivalent Course
Art History	4	6	ARH 2750 & 2850
Biology	3	4	BIOL 1107/L
	4	8	BIOL 1107/L & 1108/L
Calculus AB	3	3	MATH 1113
	4	7	MATH 1113 & 1190
Calculus BC	3	7	MATH 1113 & 1190

Quality Points for Honors Courses

- Honors courses offer a more rigorous curriculum.
- Students do not earn college credit in honors courses.
- Students earn a 0.5 quality point towards the Cobb County School District weighted GPA.
- HOPE does not award quality points for Honors Level courses.

Quality Points for AP Courses

- AP courses and World Language courses from level IV and higher receive 1.0 additional quality points in the Cobb County School District.
- The HOPE Scholarship awards a 0.5 additional quality point up to 4.0.

Social Studies (Ms. Gaffney)

GRADE LEVEL	CORE	AP ELECTIVE(S)*
9 TH	Honors World Geography Or AP Human Geography	
10 TH	Honors World History Or AP World History	AP Human Geography
11 TH	Honors United States History Or AP United States History	AP Human Geography AP Psychology
12 TH	Honors Government/Economics Or AP Government (full semester course) & AP Economics (full semester course)	AP Human Geography AP Psychology

World Languages (Ms. Bowers)

■ Spanish Pathway – Traditional

- Honors Spanish 2, 3, 4, & 5
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- Honors Spanish 7

■ Spanish Pathway – for Native Speakers of Spanish

- Honors Spanish 4 for Native Speakers
- Honors Spanish 5 for Native Speakers
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- Honors Spanish 7

■ French Pathway

- Honors French 3, 4, & 5
- AP French Language & Culture



WORLD LANGUAGES

LANGUAGE. CULTURE. GLOBAL COMPETENCY

Georgia' Seal Biliteracy - Requirements



- Completion of all English language arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average of 3.0 or above in those classes.
- Proficiency in **one or more languages other than English**, demonstrated by:
 - passing a foreign language **advanced placement** examination with a **score of 4 or higher**
 - passing an international baccalaureate examination with a score of 5 or higher
 - for languages in which an advanced placement examination is not available, check with your school World Language Department for approved Georgia Department of Education approved examinations.



Email Mrs. Bowers for more info:

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International Skills Diploma Seal - Requirements

World Languages Classes:

- Completion of at least three credits in the same world language and/or ESOL

International Focus:

- **At least four credits in courses determined to have an international focus**
ex) international economics, world/non-US history, world geography, etc.
- **At least four extracurricular activities and/or experiences with global themes and/or in global contexts**
ex) exchange programs, international and language clubs, travel abroad
- **20 hours of community service involving a global/cross-cultural public service project**
- **Capstone presentation**
Student presents on the knowledge gained in the courses & activities listed above.

Email Mrs. Bowers for more info - Sarah.Bowers@cobbk12.org



Science (Ms. Brown)

- 9th grade – Honors Biology
- 10th grade – Honors Chemistry; AP Environmental Science
- 11th grade – Honors Physics; AP Physics 1, AP Biology/Advanced Genetics, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C
- 12th grade – Honors Anatomy, Honors Forensics, AP Biology/Advanced Genetics, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C

Refer to the science flow chart for math prerequisites for specific science courses

Math (Ms. Pinto)

- Honors Algebra
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Advanced Algebra
- AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Calculus AB/BC (AP Statistics)

English (Dr. Spruill)

GRADE LEVEL	Current Course Name (Honors/AP)	Course Name (SY 25-26)
9TH	Honors 9th Literature	Honors Literature and Composition I
10TH	Honors World Literature	Honors Literature and Composition II
11TH	Honors American Literature or AP English Language	Honors Literature and Composition III or AP English Language
12TH	Honors Dramatic Writing or AP English Literature	Honors Dramatic Writing or AP English Language or AP English Literature

Fine Arts (Ms. Stickle)

- Visual Art Comprehensive & 3 additional 2D or 3D art courses
- AP Studio Art- Drawing, 2D, and 3D
(Teacher recommendation)
- Band, Orchestra, Chorus, or private lessons
- AP Music Theory
(Teacher recommendation)

Career Tech and Business (CTAE) (Ms. Brink)

- Advanced coursework opportunities in CTAE
 - 3rd and 4th level pathway courses
 - AP Computer Science
 - Pathway Diploma Seals
 - Work Based Learning and AP

Career Tech and Business (CTAE)

**All programs offer Advanced Level Courses towards
Pathway Completion.**

- Architectural Drawing and Design
- Engineering Drafting and Design
- Audio & Video Technology and Film
- Graphic Design and Communication
- Entrepreneurship
- JROTC Navy
- Culinary Arts
- Sports and Entertainment Marketing
- Programming and Computer Science
 - Offers AP Computer Science

Career Tech and Business

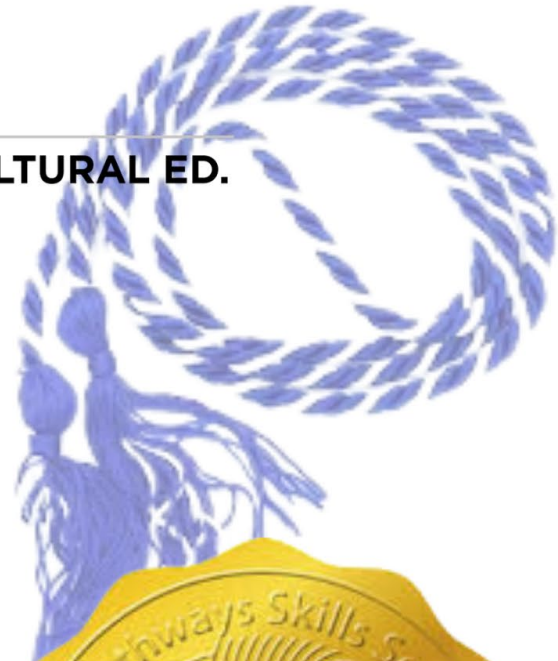


CTAE

CAREER, TECHNICAL & AGRICULTURAL ED.

HILMGROVE HIGH SCHOOL CTAE EOPA'S AND DIPLOMA SEALS

- **ALL 3RD LEVEL STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE AN EOPA TEST DURING THE SEMESTER THEY TAKE THEIR CAPSTONE COURSE:**
 - **EOPA'S ARE INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED CREDITIAL EXAMS**
 - **ALL STUDENTS WHO PASS THE EOPA TEST AND PAY THE CAPSTONE FEE WILL RECEIVE CTAE CORD FOR GRADUATION**
 - **ALL STUDENTS WHO PASS THE EOPA AND COMPLETE THEIR PATHWAY WILL RECEIVE A DIPLOMA SEAL**
 - **PATHWAY SEAL**
 - **LEADERSHIP SEAL**



work-based learning



focus on the future

WHAT IS WORK BASED LEARNING?

WBL is a course that enables students to participate in a mentor-supervised, on-the-job training experience for career awareness and exploration. Students select a specific career field or industry's entry level job in which to participate. The Work-Based Programs Coordinator visits the job mentor to assess student performance and supervises the student in skill development. The student will maintain a portfolio containing records of weekly hours on the job, completed program participation forms and other required materials. Student may be placed in a paid or non-paid, mentor-supervised, on-the-job training experience.

WHAT WILL WORK BASED LEARNING DO FOR ME?

Students

- Earn you course credit for a job or non-paid internship
- Get to leave during 4th block to earn this credit
- Gain real world work experience that relates to your career, fine arts or AP classes
- Learn from skilled professionals
- Develop employability skills
- Grade will count towards your HOPE Scholarship GPA
- Gives you a competitive advantage with colleges over students who simply take minimum day
- DOL Scholarship Opportunities!

Employers

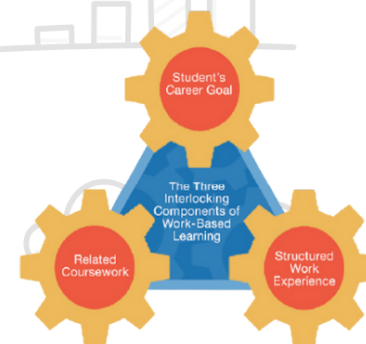
- Offer a source of skilled and motivated workers
- Create an opportunity to prepare and train future employees
- Reduce the cost of recruitment and training
- Increase employer visibility in education
- Unpaid interns Georgia House Bill 402: Worker's Compensation Insurance and D

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Be on track to graduate (Junior or Senior)
- ✓ 2.50 GPA or higher
- ✓ Current employed or seeking a paid or non-paid internship (must have placement by time school begins in August)
- ✓ Placement must be relevant to career interests and course work (can include career courses, JROTC and AP classes)
- ✓ Must have transportation to and from work site

Students also need to fit into the Work Based Learning Interlocking Components:

1. Create a career goal
2. Complete course work in AP, career or fine arts classes that relate to career goal
3. Obtain a placement that connects back to goal and coursework



Work Based Learning and AP

- WBL offers AP students a unique opportunity to earn academic elective credit.
- Must line up on the WBL Triangle:
 - Example 1: AP Social Studies student, plans to major in history/pre-law at UGA, paid internship at a law office
 - This student will receive a social study credit for WBL
 - Example 2: AP Science student, plans to attend to college to be a vet, unpaid internship at a veterinary office
 - This student will receive science elective credit for WBL
 - WBL credit for both student counts towards HOPE Scholarship GPA



Hillgrove AP Course Offerings

English Courses	Fine Arts Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AP English Language & Composition• AP English Literature & Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AP Music Theory• AP Studio Art 3-D Design• AP Studio Art Drawing
Math Courses	Science Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AP Calculus AB• AP Calculus BC• AP Computer Science A• AP Statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AP Biology• AP Chemistry• AP Environmental Science• AP Physics I• AP Physics C Mechanics
Social Studies Courses	World Language Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AP Human Geography• AP Microeconomics	

Registration

- Teachers will make core course recommendations for 9th grade.
- In the future teachers will continue to make recommendations for the following year.
- Verification is done at the start of each semester.

Changes to Course Requests

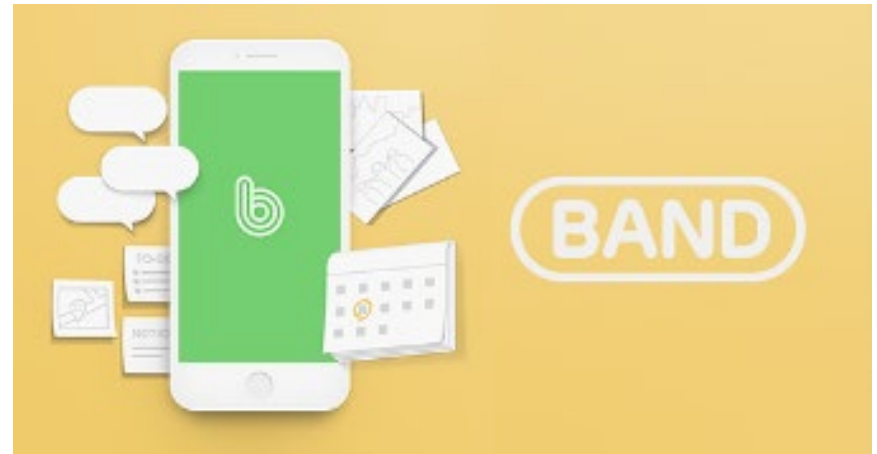
- Parents have an opportunity to change their child's course recommendation using the Course Verification Form (mailed early April)
- Course request changes must be completed within the specified time period.
- Course requests will be finalized in May and changes will only be made if there is an error in scheduling.

Advantages/Expectations

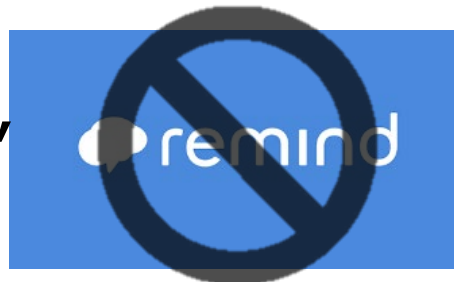
- Provides a larger variety of course options
 - Paid for by the school if part of 4 allotted credits per semester
 - Paid for by parent if additional
- Flexible scheduling in school lab or home
 - Paced by the instructor
- High success rate for motivated students
- Requires a strong work ethic and computer access

Hillgrove Class of 2029

- The School Counseling Dept. uses the app **BAND** to communicate with Hillgrove students.
- Download the app and search for Hillgrove Class of 2029



Formerly "remind"



Dual Enrollment Virtual Presentation

Tuesday, February 25th – 6:00PM



<https://bit.ly/grovedevirtualpresentation>



Q & A

