



AP Capstone Program Student Intent Form

The Pope High School AP Capstone program is an innovative diploma program from the College Board that provides students with an opportunity to engage in rigorous scholarly practice of the core academic skills necessary for successful college completion. AP Capstone is built on the foundation of two courses-AP Seminar and AP Research-and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline- specific study provided through other AP courses. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on the AP Seminar and AP Research Exams and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will receive the AP Capstone Diploma signifying their outstanding academic achievement and attainment of college-level academic and research skills. Alternatively, students who earn scores of 3 or higher on only the AP Seminar and AP Research Exams will receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate signifying attainment of college-level academic and research skills.

For more information about this program, please visit the AP Capstone website or email Coach Blythe:

<https://ap.collegeboard.org/ap-capstone>

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Directions:

1. Read and sign the Agreement of Understanding.
2. Return paper copy to Coach Blythe

Student Last Name: _____ Student First Name: _____

Current Grade: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Student Email Address: _____

AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING - I, hereby, give permission for my child to be considered for placement in the AP Capstone Program. I understand the following:

- The AP Capstone program engages students in college-level work.
- The AP Seminar course may include perspectives that might, for a specific cultural viewpoint, be considered controversial, including references to ethnicities, nationalities, religions, politics, races, local issues affecting our community, dialects, gender or class.
- AP Seminar requires students to have the level of maturity, independent motivation, and skill to thoughtfully consider and analyze these diverse perspectives.
- The inclusion of topics, readings, texts and other source material is not intended as an endorsement by The College Board or Pope High School of the content, ideas, or values expressed in the material.
- Students in AP Capstone may be subject to different grading policies and guidelines.
- Due to the nature of the program, grades will be determined by the individual and team assessments of the AP Seminar class. More information will be provided at a later date.
- Students are expected, but not required, to be enrolled in AP English Language and Composition as a compliment to the AP Capstone program.
- Students taking AP Seminar are required to take the exam. The fee is approximately \$150 because of the amount of intensive scoring and access to the College Board portfolio.
- Students in the AP Capstone program are expected to enroll in the AP Research class (2024-2025). AP Research, the second course in the Capstone experience, allows students to explore deeply an academic topic, problem, or issue of individual interest. Through this inquiry, students design, plan, and conduct a year-long mentored, research-based investigation to address a research question that culminates in a 5,000 word thesis.
- **Students are expected to follow the campus Academic Integrity and Behavior Codes and will be removed from the program for behavior and/ or academic integrity violations.**
- Students in the class are expected to have FERPA approval to allow the student to be videotaped and/or photographed for educational reasons.
- By signing this form, you are giving the instructor permission to use your work (written and filmed) for future educational purposes ONLY.
- The students/parents will be kept informed of any program changes made by Pope or The College Board.
- **Any student involved in cheating or plagiarism of ANY kind in ANY class while enrolled in the AP Capstone program, will be withdrawn from the program the following semester if not sooner or be subject to disciplinary action.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____