



Welcome to

 **Parent Night**

A.P. Parent Night Objectives



- Learn about the A. P. Courses offered at Allatoona H.S.
- Understand the Benefits of taking A.P. classes & exams
- Understand how A.P. exams are scored
- Examine the A.P. Exam Timeline
- Understand A.P. Exam Fees & Information
- Understand A.P. Exam Scholarship opportunities



AP
Courses
Offered at
Allatoona

- AP English Literature
- AP English Language
- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus AB/BC
- AP Biology
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics
- AP Chemistry
- AP Human Geography
- AP World History
- AP U.S. History
- AP U.S. Gov & Politics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Studio Art
- AP Music Theory
- AP Computer Science

A.P. English Language

Year Taken: **11th grade**

Prerequisite: **Honors World Literature (80%)**



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A.P. English Literature

Year Taken: **12th grade**

Prerequisite: **Honors American Lit (90+%)**
OR AP Language (80+%)



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A.P. Statistics

Years Taken:

Typically 11th & 12th grades

Prerequisite:

Advanced Algebra


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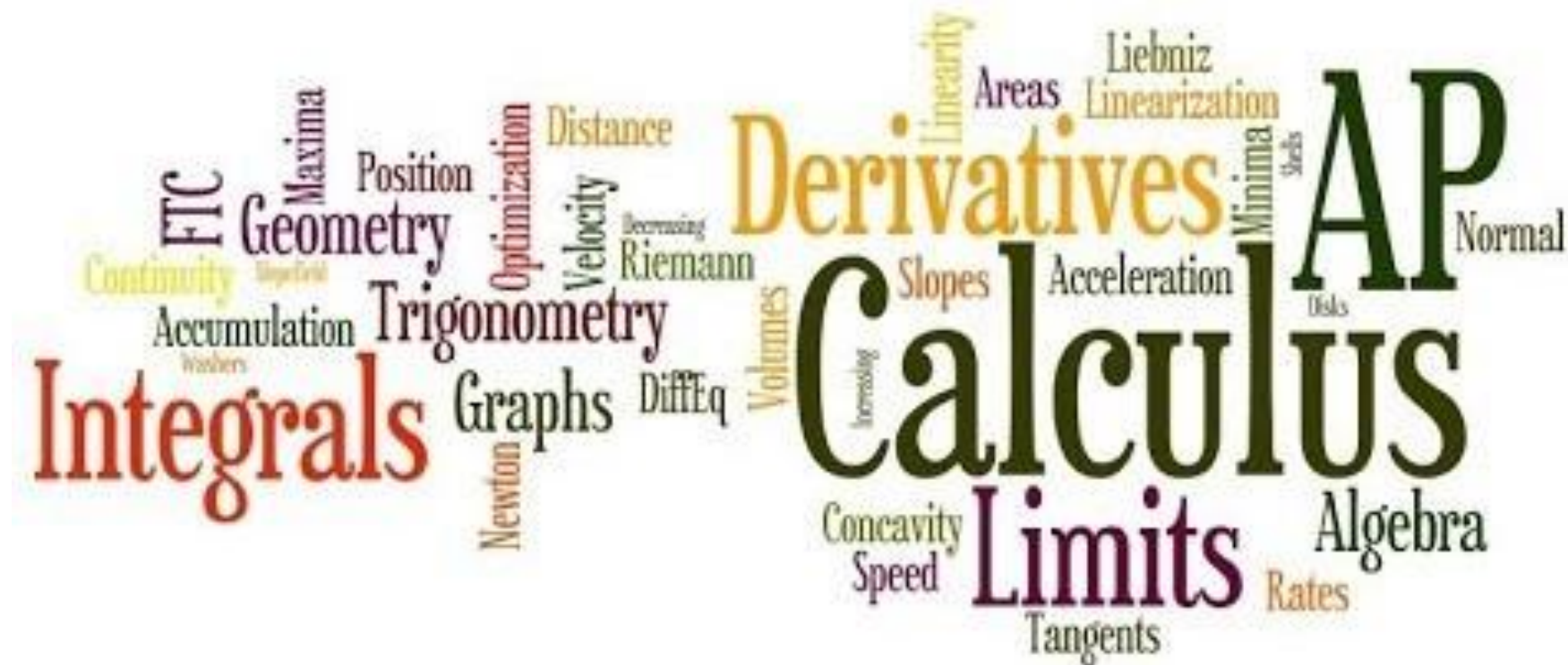
A.P. Calculus BC

Years Taken: **11th or 12th grade**

Prerequisite: **A.P. Calculus AB**



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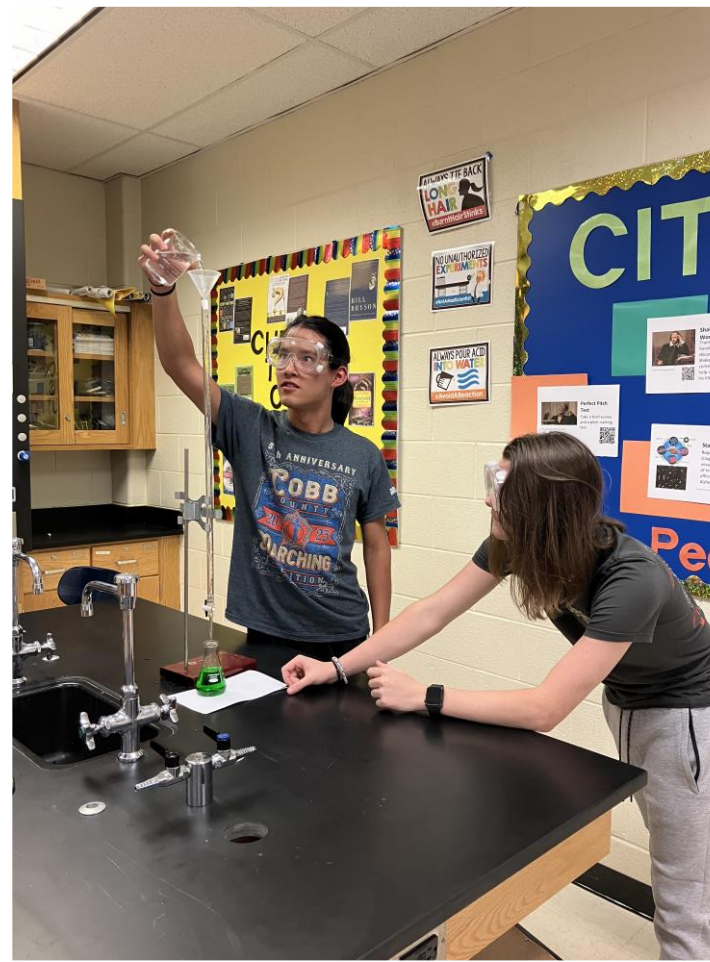
A.P. Chemistry

Years Taken: **11th or 12th grades**

Prerequisite: **Honors Chemistry**



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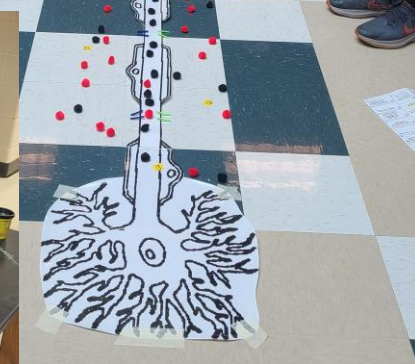
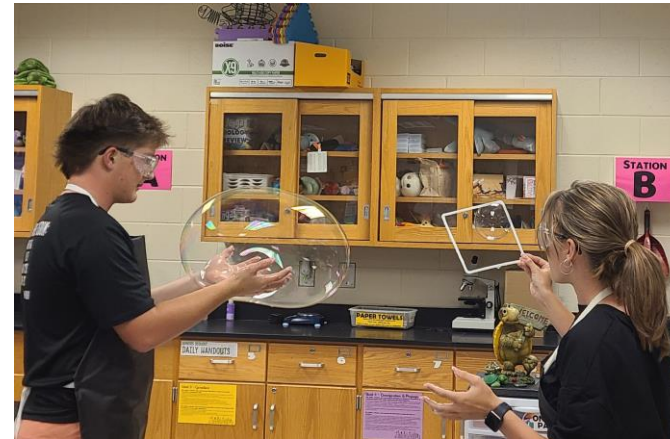
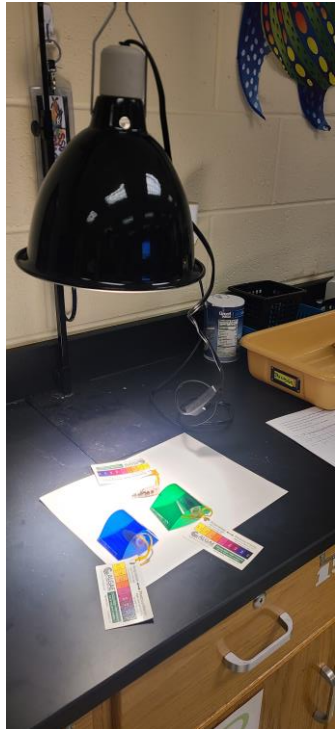
A.P. Biology



Courses Offered at Allatoona

Years Taken: **11th or 12th grade**

Prerequisites: **Honors Biology & Honors Chemistry**



A.P. Environmental Science

Years Taken: **10th – 12th grades**

Prerequisite: **Honors Biology & Honors Chemistry**




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A.P. Physics I

Years Taken: **11th & 12th grades**

Prerequisite: **Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry
and Honors Advanced Algebra**


**Courses
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A.P. Physics C (Mechanics)

Years Taken: **12th grades**

Prerequisite: **Honors Physics & AP Calculus**



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A.P. United States History

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Year Taken: **11th grade**

Prerequisite: **Honors World History**
OR AP World History



A.P. Psychology

Year Taken: **11th** or **12th**

Prerequisite: **None**



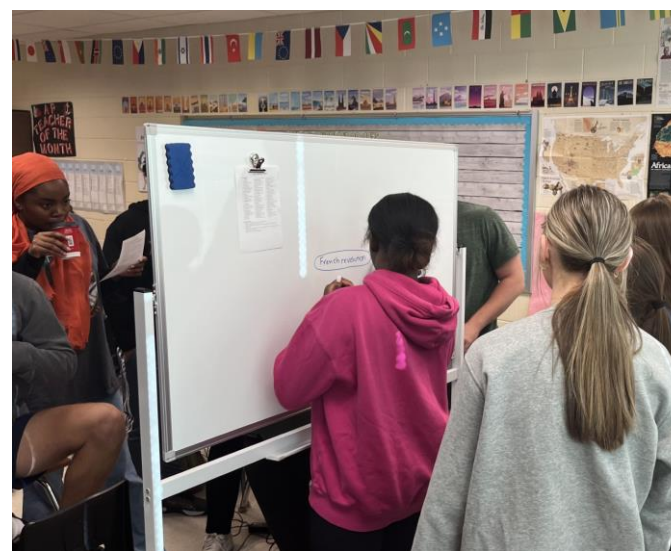
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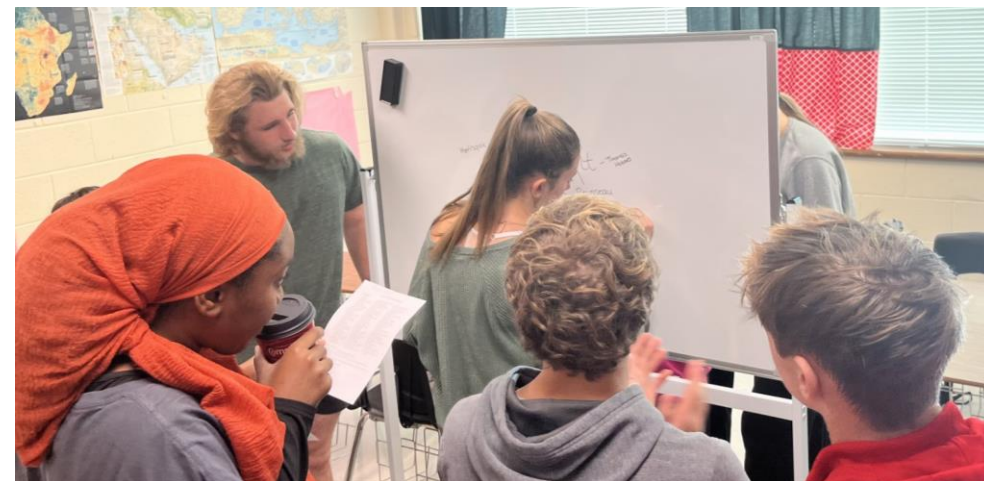
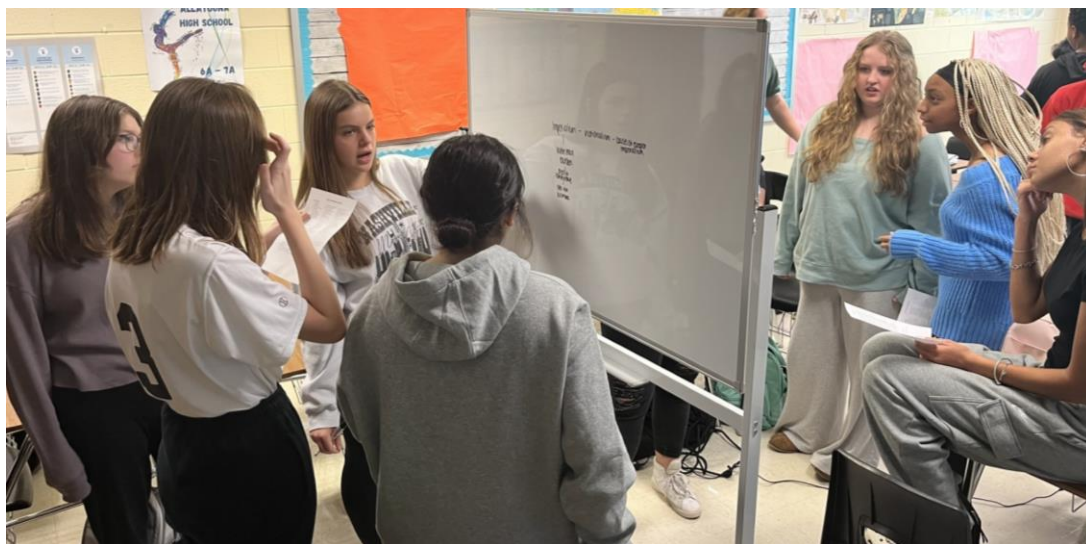
A.P. World History

Year Taken: **10th grade**

Prerequisite: **Honors World Geography**
OR AP Human Geography



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A.P. Human Geography



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Year Taken: **9th grade**

Prerequisite: **Teacher Recommendation**



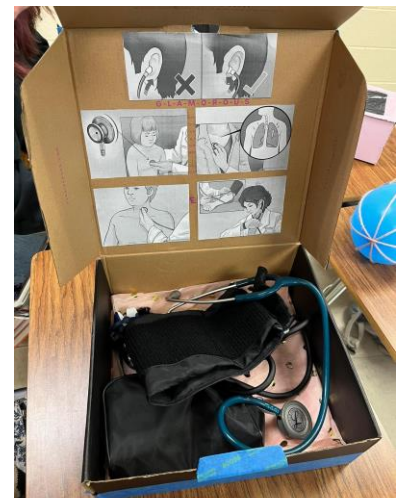
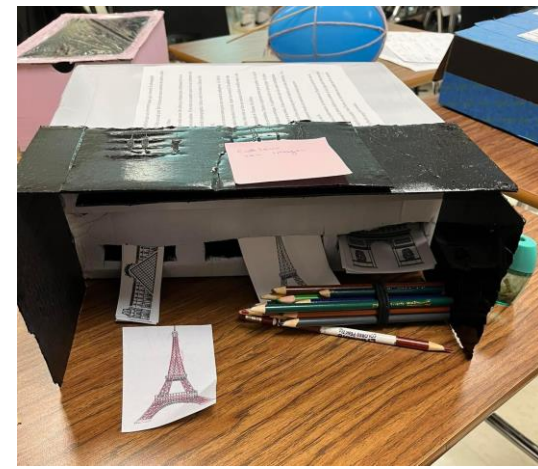
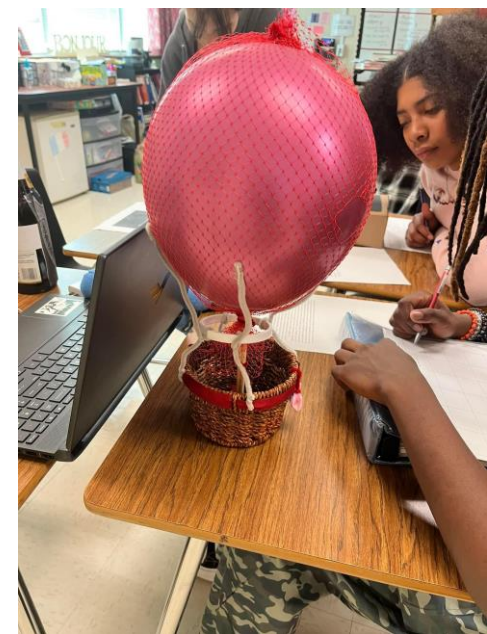
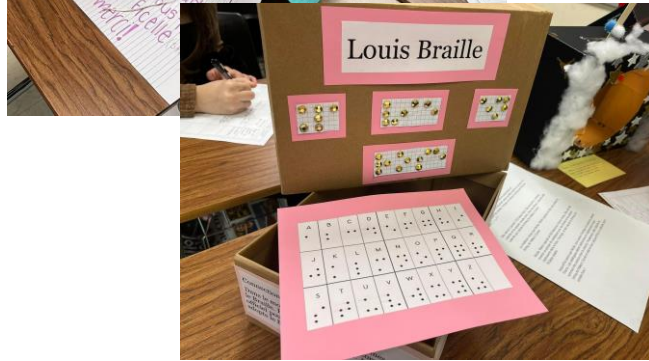
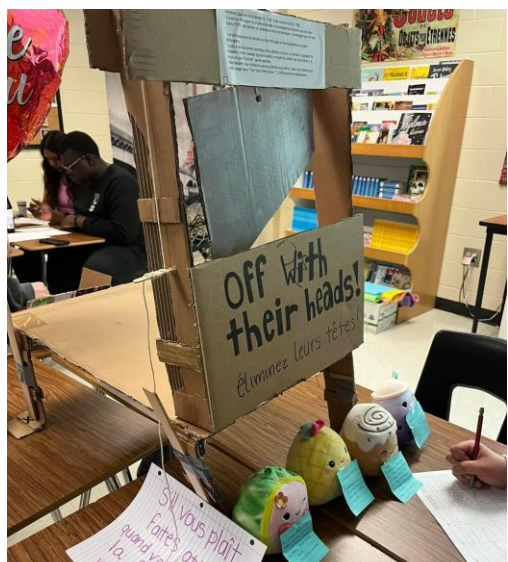
A.P. French

Year Taken: **11th or 12th grade**

Prerequisite: **Honors French V**



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A.P. 3D Art & Design



Courses Offered at Allatoona

Year Taken: **Typically 11th & 12th grades**

Prerequisite: **Teacher Recommendation**



A.P. Computer Science

Year Taken: **10th, 11th, or 12th grades**

Prerequisite: **Teacher Recommendation**



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Dr. Amanda Amos

Meet our

Teachers

A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. Chemistry

Favorite A.P. Chemistry Topic:

- **Kinetics and Intermolecular Forces.**
(speeds of chemical reactions) (how molecules interact with each other)

Fun Fact:

- I have a goal of visiting every national park and taking my family along to as many as possible.

So far we've made it to about 1/3 of them, with plans to get to 5 more in the next year. Yellowstone is my favorite because the landscape is so other-worldly.



Mrs. Amanda Bolls

Meet our

Teachers



A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. English Literature

Favorite A.P. English Literature Topic:

- **Shakespeare/*MacBeth* and various short stories throughout the semester**

Fun Fact:

- **I could squat 400lbs in high school**

Mrs. Ann Dau

PROUD TO BE AN
AP READER 

Meet our

Teachers



A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. Biology

Favorite A.P. Biology Topic:

**Regulation of Gene Expression
& Cell Communication**

I LOVE anything genetics-related and am fascinated by how our cells are able to communicate with each other.

Fun Fact:

**Mrs. Dau has pet turtle in her classroom,
Walleigh, who is 21 years old.**

Mr. Craig Dean

Meet our
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Teachers

A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. U.S. Government

Favorite A.P. U.S. Government Topic:

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Fun Fact:

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Ms. Lizzie Downey

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A.P. Courses Taught:

A.P. Physics I

A.P. Physics C (Mechanics)

Favorite A.P. Physics Topic:

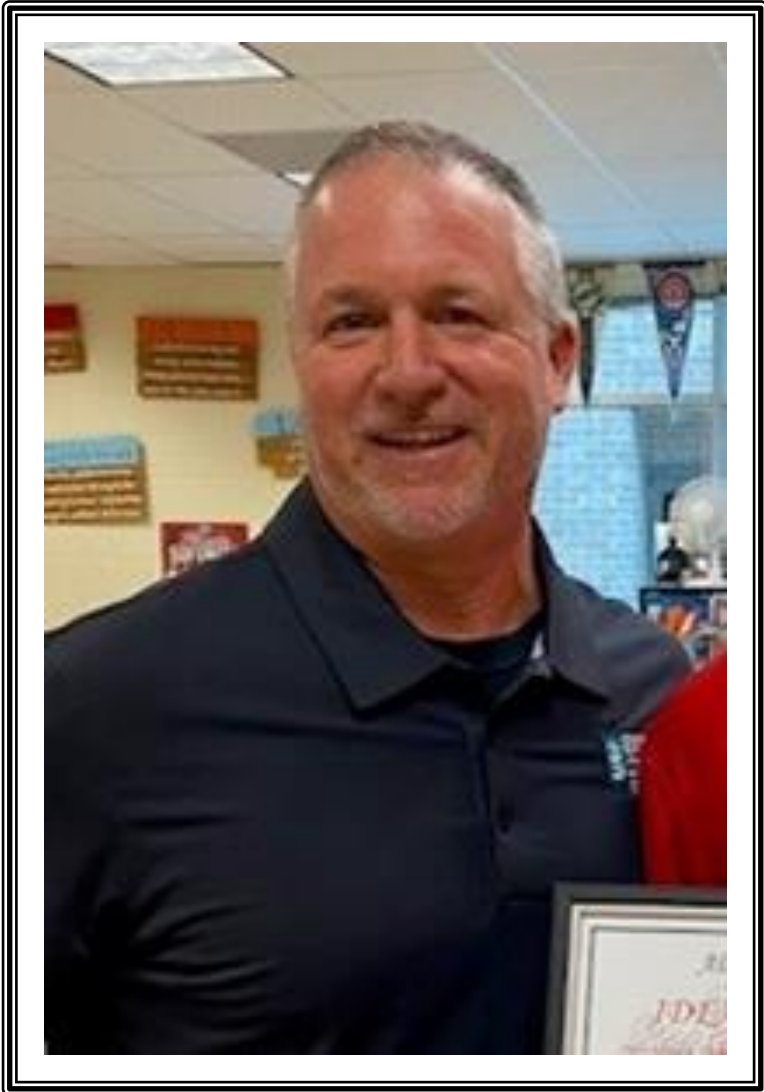
- Projectile motion, Momentum, and Energy.

Fun Fact:

- I love Disney!

Mr. David Eeles

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AP
Teachers



A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. Statistics

Favorite A.P. Statistics Topic:

- **Probability** Because it involves a lot of fun activities for the students to complete.

Fun Fact:

- **My middle son, Payton** (graduate of Allatoona in 2018), plays baseball in the **Minnesota Twins** organization (made it up to the **AAA** level) – his 1st year statistics are pretty good. Lots of opportunities in sports for people who understand and enjoy statistics.

Mr. Nick Fleming



A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. Calculus AB

A.P. Calculus BC

Favorite A.P. Calculus Topic:

- Related Rates

Fun Fact:

- I enjoy traveling with my family to new places, especially beaches!

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Teachers

Mrs. Andrea Gwynn

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A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. French

Favorite A.P. French Topic:

- “La Vie Contemporaine” ... Contemporary Life
This is where we cover topics like education, holidays, rites of passage, the world of work, and publicity and marketing in the French-speaking world. One of the aspects of the exam is to do a cultural comparison and it’s so interesting to compare our culture with the French-speaking culture!

Fun Fact:

- I lived and taught English in France for a year after college. I really love the language and culture!

Mr. Aaron Harrison

Meet our

Teachers



A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. Precalculus

Favorite A.P. Precalculus Topic:

- Periodic/Sinusoidal Functions & Polar Function Graphs!

Fun Fact:

- I am a 2-time National Flag Football Champion

Mrs. Michaela Hicks



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A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. U.S. History & A.P. Psychology

Favorite A.P. U.S. History Topic:

- **Manifest Destiny & western expansion prior to and following the Civil War**

Favorite A.P. Psychology Topic:

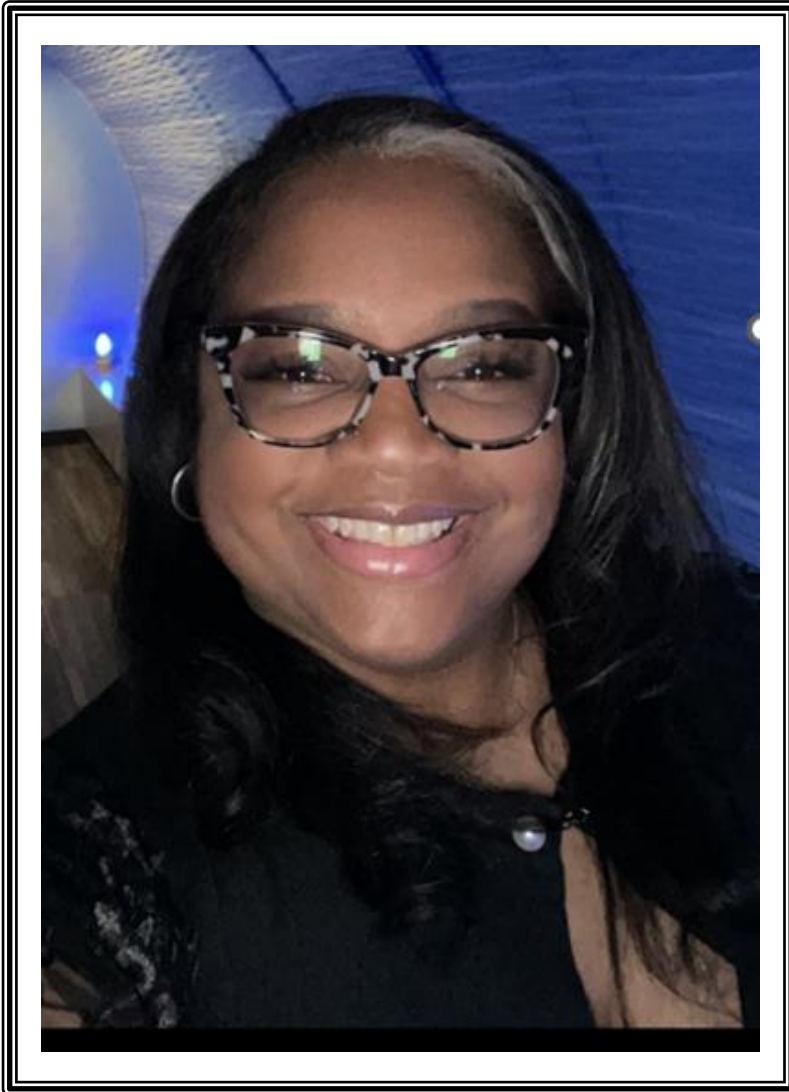
- **Developmental Psychology and factors that drive our behaviors**

Fun Fact:

- **One of the items on my bucket list is to celebrate Groundhog's Day in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.**

Ms. Nina Hollis

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Teachers



A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. Environmental Science

Favorite A.P. Environmental Science Topic:

- Air and water pollution

It affects everyone on Earth, and we can make a difference by making small changes in our personal lives. The water we drink today is the same water dinosaurs drank, and the air we breathe is the same air they breathed, so it is important that we take of Mother Earth in that everything we do effects everyone, everywhere.

Fun Fact:

- I like to garden, camp, cook, and sky dive

Mr. Donald Jones

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Teachers

A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. Computer Science

Favorite A.P. Computer Science Topic:

- Emerging technology, Artificial Intelligence and the Internet

Fun Fact:

- I'm the head Esports coach and JV Girls Soccer Coach



Mrs. Rachel LaRoche

A.P. Courses Taught:

A.P. World History

A.P. Human Geography

Favorite A.P. World History Topic:

- **Indigenous Mesoamerican cultures** (Maya, Aztec, Inca), **the Mongols**, and **national revolutions.**

Favorite A.P. Human Geography Topic:

- **Migration, Culture, and Green Revolutions.**

Fun Fact:

- **I love to travel (especially to the places I teach about)! I've been to 5 countries and over 30 US States.**



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Teachers

Mr. Fran Mahan

Meet our
AP
Teachers



A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. Microeconomics

Favorite A.P. Microeconomics Topic:

- Market Structures and Dead Weight Loss

Fun Fact:

- I am the Defensive Coordinator of the Football Team

Mrs. Laura McInerney



A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. 3D Art & Design

Favorite A.P. 3D Art & Design Topic:

- **My favorite part is watching the student's artwork develop technically and conceptually throughout the year.**

Fun Fact:

- **I once spent an entire summer in Italy on crutches with a knee brace, the Italians thought was a bionic leg.**

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Teachers

Mrs. Olivia Purser

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Teachers



A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. U.S. History

Favorite A.P. U.S. History Topic:

- I love teaching the 1920s!

We throw a party with food and costumes where students get different figures from the 20s and 'meet' each other while having some fun and learning the Charleston!

Fun Fact:

- I LOVE traveling to historical places in the U.S.! I've been all over the East coast and have gotten to see places like George Washington and Thomas Jefferson's houses and the Liberty Bell!

Mrs. Andrea Stumpf



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Teachers



A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. English Language

Favorite A.P. English Language Topic:

- Rhetorical Analysis Writing

Fun Fact:

- There were 25 inches of snow on the day of my October wedding in Nebraska... and I could live the rest of my life without seeing another flake of snow!

Mrs. Amanda Wagy

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Teachers



A.P. Course Taught:

A.P. World History

A.P. Human Geography

Favorite A.P. World History Topic:

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Favorite A.P. Human Geography Topic:

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Fun Fact:

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The logo for AP Exams features a stylized blue apple on the left. A hand holding a scalpel is positioned behind a large, black, outlined letter 'A'. To the right of the 'A' is a large, light green letter 'P'. The word 'Exams' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font to the right of the 'P'.

AP Exams

Ann Dau
Gifted Lead Teacher
A.P. Biology teacher



Exam Formats

- Exam duration: 2-3 hours
- Most exams are broken into two parts
- Part One
 - Multiple choice section
 - Students will choose 1 answer from 4-5 answer choices for each question
 - Total exam score on this section is based only on the number of questions answered correctly
 - Don't lose points for incorrect or unanswered questions
- Part Two
 - Free response section
 - Consists of free-response questions that require you to generate your own responses Depending on the exam, responses could be in essay format, a solution to a problem or a spoken response





How to prepare for AP Exams

- Budget time if taking multiple A.P. Exams
- Teacher-led Study Sessions
- Teacher-led Mock Exams
- Form a study group
- AP Classroom Resources
 - AP Daily Practice Sessions
 - AP Daily Videos
 - AP Topic Question
 - AP Progress Checks
 - AP Reports
- Purchase AP Review Study Guide

2025 A.H.S. Exam Dates



		Exam Start Time – 8am <i>(check-in at AHS Aux Gym no later than 7:30am)</i>	Exam Start Time – 12pm <i>(check-in at AHS Aux Gym no later than 11:30am)</i>
WEEK ONE	Monday, May 5 th 2025	Biology	Microeconomics
	Tuesday, May 6 th 2025	Chemistry, Human Geography	U.S. Government & Politics
	Wednesday, May 7 th 2025	English Literature & Composition	
	Thursday, May 8 th 2025	Statistics	World History
	Friday, May 9 th 2025	U.S. History	
WEEK TWO	Monday, May 12 th 2025	Calculus AB, Calculus BC	
	Tuesday, May 13 th 2025	PreCalculus	Environmental Science
	Wednesday, May 14 th 2025	English Language & Composition	Physics C (Mechanics)
	Thursday, May 15 th 2025		Computer Science Principles
	Friday, May 16 th 2025	Physics 1	Psychology



Digital/Hybrid Exams

- Many exams are moving towards full digital/hybrid exam administration in the Spring of 2025.
- On testing day you should bring with you:
 - **Your fully charged device with Bluebook already installed.**
Your device should be able to hold a charge for 4 hours.
 - **Your device's power cord and/or a portable charger.**
Note: You might not have access to an outlet during testing.
 - **A pencil and blue/black pen.**
Scratch paper will be provided—do not bring your own.
 - **An external mouse if you use one.**





Exam Scoring

After the AP Exams are administered, schools return any paper AP Exam materials to the AP Program.

Then, for most AP courses:

- The multiple-choice section is scored by computer.
- The free-response section (essays and open-ended questions) and through-course performance tasks are scored at the annual AP Reading held during the first two weeks in June. Specially appointed college professors and experienced AP teachers score this section of the exam.
- The total scores from the free-response section and the multiple-choice section are combined to form a composite score.

These composite scores are then translated into the 5-point scale using statistical processes.

AP Exam Score	Recommendation	College Course Grade Equivalent
5	Extremely well qualified	A+ or A
4	Very well qualified	A-, B+ or B
3	Qualified	B-, C or C
2	Possibly qualified	---
1	No recommendation	---



Score Report Timeline

- AP Scores are sent to students and colleges around the first week of July.
- Students can choose (at the time of testing) which college to automatically send scores to.

Score Distributions



2024 Score Distributions: AP English

Exam	5	4	3	2	1	3+
AP English Language & Composition	9%	21%	24%	29%	17%	54%
AP English Literature & Composition	13%	27%	32%	17%	11%	72%

2024 Score Distributions: History & Social Science

Exam	5	4	3	2	1	3+
AP Comparative Government & Politics	16%	24%	33%	15%	12%	73%
AP Human Geography	18%	20%	18%	14%	30%	56%
AP Microeconomics	17%	25%	23%	21%	14%	65%
AP Psychology	18%	23%	20%	12%	27%	61%
AP United States Government & Politics	24%	25%	24%	18%	9%	73%
AP United States History	13%	33%	26%	20%	8%	72%
AP World History	12%	32%	20%	28%	9%	64%

2024 Score Distributions: World Languages & Cultures

Exam	5	4	3	2	1	3+
AP French Language and Culture	14%	24%	33%	23%	6%	71%
AP Spanish Language and Culture	21%	31%	31%	14%	3%	83%

2024 Score Distributions: Math & Computer Science

Exam	5	4	3	2	1	+3
AP Calculus AB	21%	28%	15%	23%	13%	64%
AP Calculus BC	45%	22%	13%	15%	5%	80%
AP Computer Science Principles	11%	21%	33%	21%	14%	65%
AP Precalculus	25%	24%	26%	15%	10%	75%
AP Statistics	17%	22%	23%	16%	22%	62%

2024 Score Distributions: Sciences

Exam	5	4	3	2	1	3+
AP Biology	16%	23%	29%	22%	10%	68%
AP Chemistry	17%	27%	31%	17%	8%	75%
AP Environmental Science	9%	27%	18%	26%	20%	54%
AP Physics 1	8%	18%	20%	27%	27%	46%
AP Physics C: Mechanics	23%	29%	23%	14%	11%	75%

2024 Score Distribution
<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/about-ap-scores/score-distributions>





AP Testing

Dr. Sean Bagley
A.P. Coordinator
Assistant Principal

Parent Information



Resources linked:

- How your student can stand out by enrolling in AP Courses
- Free Learning Resources for AP Students
- Benefits of taking an AP Exam
- Map out their Journey with AP
- Maximize their Hard Work

Believe or not...

- **It's in College Board's best interest that your student does well.**
- **Students earn higher scores on subsequent exams.**

Parent Resource

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/collection/parent-resources>



AP Fees & Exam Costs



- College Board charges a one-time annual fee of \$15 for exams.
 - These fees are used to:
 - develop, print, ship, and score the exams
 - subsidize teacher training
 - develop classroom resources
 - support educational initiatives
- Each exam costs \$99*
- Georgia pays for one STEM exam annually.
This includes AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Environmental Science, AP Precalculus, AP Calculus, AP Statistics, and AP Computer Science A

*MyPaymentsPlus automatically calculates costs including discounted costs for reduced lunch.

Scholarship opportunities for a Free Exam



- Sponsored by Allatoona AP Funds and AHS Athletics.
- Students tell their story on who they are they and why they deserve a free exam (only 4 questions)

When students access the link they must be logged in to their Microsoft 365 account so that the application will automatically pull their name

1. Which AP classes are you currently taking?
2. Which exam(s) would you like to consider for a scholarship?
3. Are you part of any club or sport at Allatoona? This could be a drama or music class as well.
4. In a few paragraphs, explain why you would like to be considered for a scholarship.

**Allatoona AP Exam
Scholarship Application**
[https://tinyurl.com/APScholarship
Application24-25](https://tinyurl.com/APScholarshipApplication24-25)



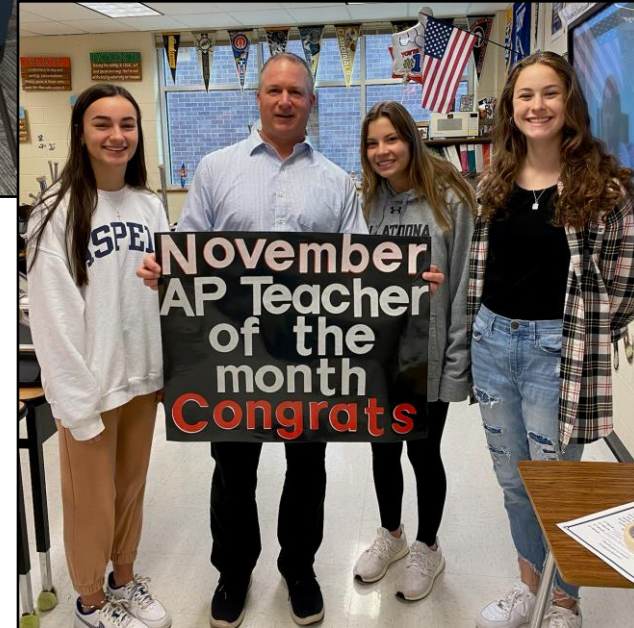
The logo for AP Leadership features a blue apple with a silver stem and leaf on the left. A red outline of the letter 'A' is superimposed over the apple, with a silver sword blade extending from the top of the 'A' to the right. A green outline of the letter 'P' is positioned to the right of the 'A'.

AP Leadership

Amanda Bolls
A.P. Leadership Sponsor
Literature Instructor

Andrea Stumpf
A.P. Leadership Sponsor
Literature Instructor

A.P. Leadership students represent Allatoona from Acworth to Atlanta





Advantages of

Taking

A.P. Courses &

Amanda Bolls
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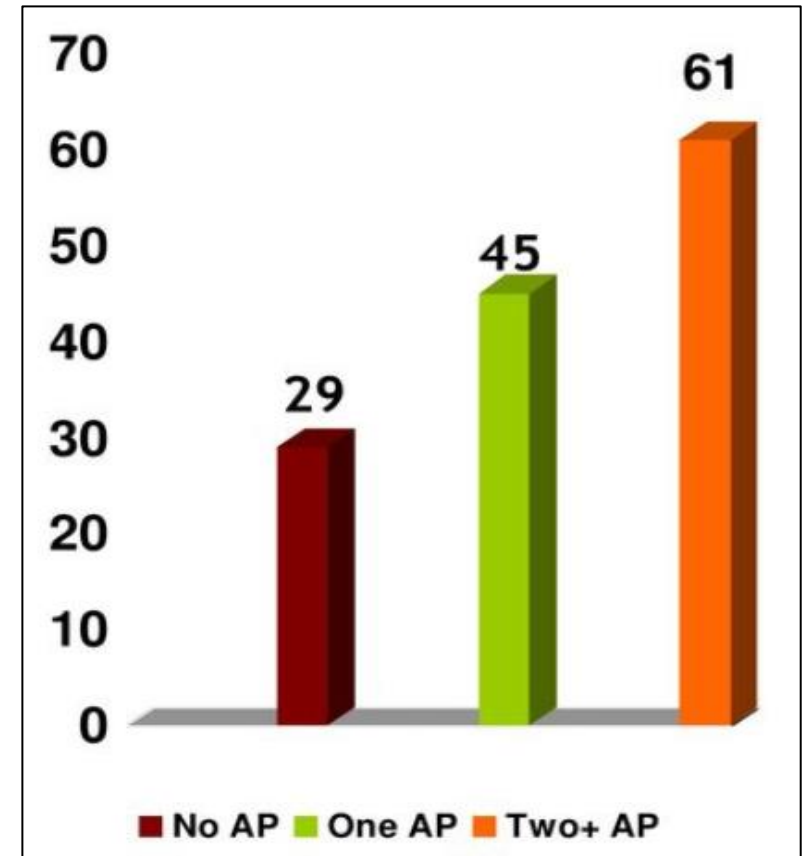
Andrea Stumpf
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Exams

AP & College Success



Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years or less.



Why take the A.P. Exam?

Most of the nation's colleges and universities, plus colleges and universities in 24 other countries, grant students admission, credit, and/or placement for qualifying AP Exam grades.

For example, at Princeton, students can use qualifying AP Exam grades to:

- Graduate in three or three-and-a-half years
- Enter upper-level courses
- Fulfill a foreign language requirement
- If you qualify for college credit with a score your university will accept, you will not take a college composition course. (Comp 1101). You will still need to take the literature course (Literature 1102).

Stand out in the Admissions Process

AP[®]

CollegeBoard

“One of the best standard predictors of academic success at Harvard is performance on Advanced Placement Examinations.”

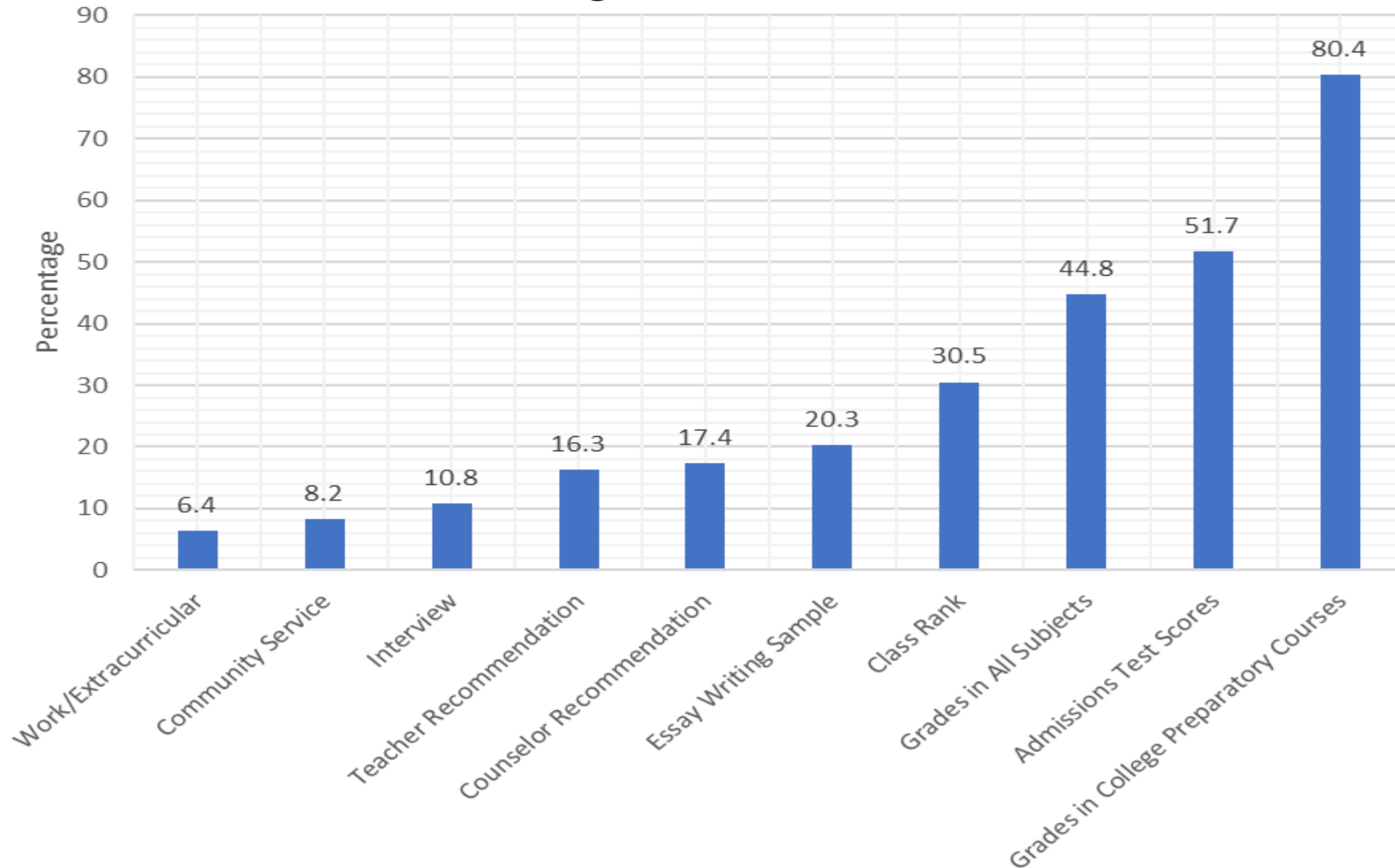
- William R. Fitzsimmons
Dean of Admissions, Harvard University

“AP Exams affirm the rigor of a student’s course work. Though admissions policies vary, if I were a student, I wouldn’t assume that the college of my dreams didn’t care about AP Exams in the admissions process.”

- Bruce Walker, Director of Admissions
University of Texas at Austin



Factors Influencing Admission Decisions



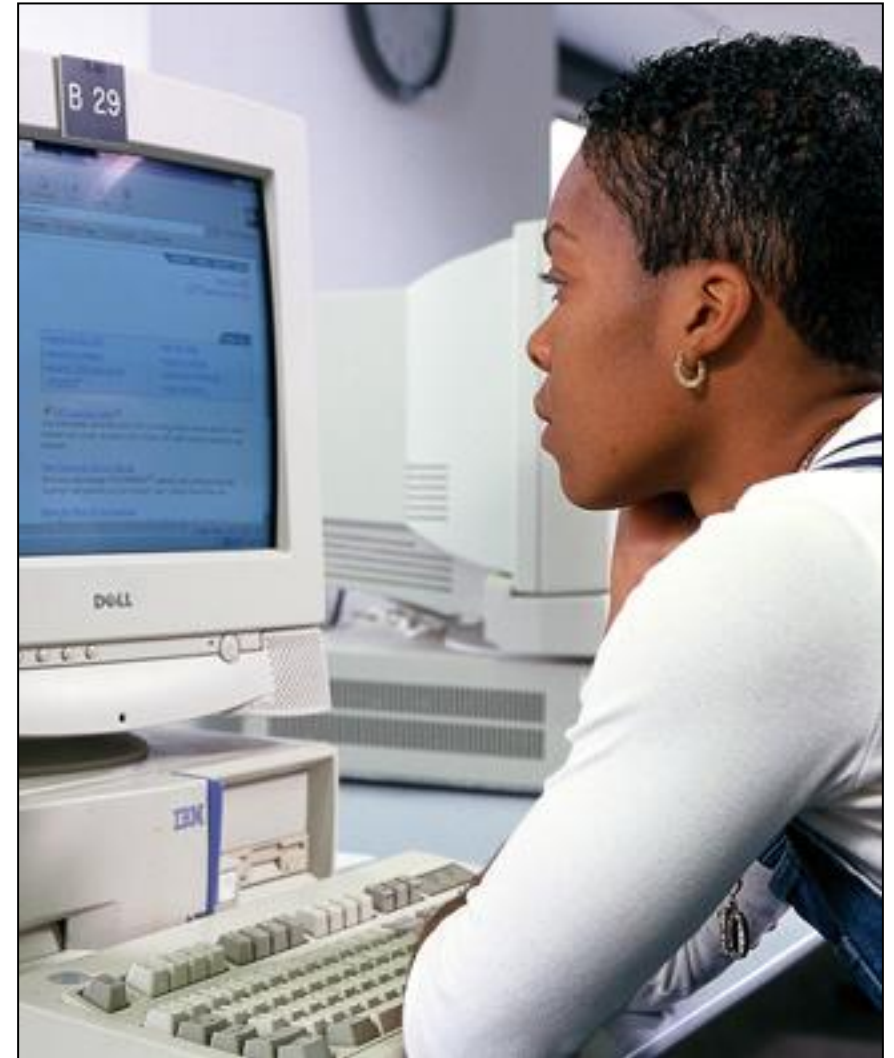
Earn Academic Scholarships/Awards



Some of the most competitive scholarship awards value AP Exam grades:

“Having the AP Exam grade can make the difference when it comes down to awarding precious scholarship dollars.”

- Edwina Harris Hamby, Dean of Admission
Fisk University



Experience a College-Level Test



The intensity of college exams catches far too many freshmen by surprise:

“Students who have prepared for and taken the AP Exams adapt more easily to taking college essay exams, and are especially skilled in including a thesis and a well-developed argument. They are also less intimidated by sophisticated, college-level multiple-choice questions that seek to test understanding over memorization.”

- Robert Blackey, Professor of History
CSU, San Bernardino

Save Money

If you earn a qualifying grade on an AP Exam, you can receive credit for the equivalent course at thousands of colleges and universities:

“I took AP throughout high school because it was the most interesting and well-taught program offered. When I reached college, I realized that I had accumulated a year’s worth of credits. I graduated from Michigan’s undergraduate business school a full year early, saving \$30,000 and a year’s time.”

- Nikki Baker, University of Michigan



Tuition for Fiscal Year 2024



KENNESAW STATE
UNIVERSITY

Kennesaw State

Tuition per credit hour	\$158.00
Tuition for a 3-hour course	\$474.00



West GA

Tuition per credit hour	\$174.20
Tuition for a 3-hour course	522.60

Tuition for Fiscal Year 2024



Georgia Southern and Valdosta University

Tuition per credit hour 185.00

Tuition for a 3-hour course 555.00



Georgia State University

Tuition per credit hour \$251.20

Tuition for a 3-hour course \$753.60

Tuition for Fiscal Year 2024



STICKER SHOCK



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA

University of Georgia

Tuition per credit hour

\$2,838.00

Tuition for a 3-hour course

\$8,514.00



Georgia Tech

Tuition per credit hour

\$2,974.00

Tuition for a 3-hour course

\$8,922.00



Best Georgia Colleges
RANKED LIST OF COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES IN GEORGIA FOR 2024

<https://www.collegesimply.com/colleges/georgia/>

“I was able to work & pay for college”



Annual Tuition	1980	2020
NYU	\$5,062	\$51,062
Minimum Wage	3.10	\$10 in 21 states <i>(As of 2021, New York and CA improved to \$15)</i>
Required hours to pay tuition	Approximately 1700	Approximately 7000
Required weeks to pay tuition	Approximately 41	Approximately 175
What minimum wage would need to be to work the same # of hours for today's tuition.	Drumroll please.....	Approximately \$30 per hour

A.P. Scholar Awards



AP Scholar

- Granted to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on 3 or more exams

AP Scholar with Honors

- Granted to students with an average grade of at least 3.24 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on 4 or more of these exams

AP Scholar with Distinction

- Granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on 5 or more of these exams



What should be happening at home?



Studying and preparing for an AP course and exam looks different than it does for other courses.

If you don't practice, or do your own work, or miss class, or don't study, or don't come to tutoring, or don't put more than basic levels of effort into class, don't expect higher than a 2 on the test. You may get a B in the class, but you will probably get a 2 on the test. *It's just the truth, and it's also a college level class.*

- Daily studying
- Parallel Reading
- Study Groups (not plagiarism groups)
- Individual Research and On-Line practice
- “Above and beyond the graded work”

Questions



Thank you for attending

 **Parent Night**