

OLSH AP Advantage



AP Courses

- Advanced Placement Program[®] (AP[®]) **courses** are college-level courses offered in high school. AP courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- At the end of course, students take **AP Exams**—standardized exams that measure how well students have mastered college-level course work
- Students who do well on AP Exams can earn credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college

AP Courses

- Classes tend to be fast-paced and cover more material than typical high school classes
- More time, inside and outside of the classroom, is required to complete lessons, assignments and homework
- AP teachers expect their students to think critically, analyze and synthesize facts and data, weigh competing perspectives, and write clearly and persuasively

AP and College Admissions

- Colleges rank “Grades in college prep courses” and “Strength of curriculum” as the **top two factors** in the admission decision*
- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student’s AP experience **favorably impacts** admission decisions**

* *2009 State of College Admission, NACAC*

** Unpublished institutional research, Crux Research Inc. March 2007

Did you know...

- If you earn a **high school diploma**, you're likely to earn **\$7,000** more annually than students who don't complete high school
- But if you earn a **bachelor's degree in college**, you're likely to earn **\$22,000** more annually
- A 1999 U.S. Department of Education study found that the strongest predictor of college graduation is something students do before they ever go to college:
 - Participate in rigorous, college-level courses in high school— and AP courses in particular

AP Opportunities for 2017-2018



- *Notre Dame TIP-IN Program*
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- *Computer Science Principles*
- *Physics 1*
- British Literature
- World History
- Qualify for enrollment
- Take AP Exam
- Incentives

AP Opportunities for 2017-2018



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- *Online AP Courses not taught at OLSH*
- US History
- Government and Politics
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Computer Science A
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Qualify for enrollment
 - 540 on PSAT Verbal
 - 590 on PSAT Math
- Take AP Exam
- Incentives

Characteristics Needed to be Successful as an Online Learner

- Self-motivated and self-disciplined
- Organized and able to manage time well
- Able to meet deadlines
- Comfortable using technologies
- Can communicate well in writing
- Have netiquette
- Work well with others in completing projects
- A self-advocate
- Have a good study environment