

The Advanced Placement Program at Shelton High School

The Advanced Placement (AP) program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges and universities. It provides students with the exposure to college-level work during high school. It also provides them with the ability to achieve advanced placement, advanced standing, and college credit for courses taken during high school. This latter goal can only be achieved by taking the AP Exam for the given subject in May 2018 and is based on the score that is earned on that exam. The current cost to take an AP Exam is \$93 per exam. The exams are graded on a 5-point scale as shown below. Each college then sets its individual standards for evaluating the scores.

5 = extremely well qualified

4 = well qualified

3 = qualified

2 = possibly qualified

1 = no recommendation

The AP teachers at Shelton High School recognize the importance of selecting students for these college-level courses who will be qualified to take the AP Exam in May at the end of the course. The students should be willing, well prepared, and have the support of their family. **All students who are enrolled in an advanced placement course will be required to take the College Board exam in May 2018.**

The application process provides the AP committee with adequate information to judge the students' readiness for the courses that they have applied. A committee will be involved in the decision to accept the students into the program and will include the current subject teacher, the accepting AP teacher, the Curriculum Leader in the subject, and the AP Coordinator. The student must also request a **transcript** from his or her house office that includes the class rank. The transcript will be sent directly to the AP Coordinator by the house office. Additionally, the PSAT/SAT scores will be reviewed, if available.

Our goal is to make the AP program a strong academic alternative for students and to adequately prepare them to take the exam in May. The deadline for AP applications is **February 10, 2017.**

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