

WHY AP ACADEMY?

THE AP ACADEMY IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST STUDENTS SEEKING A RIGOROUS ADVANCED STUDIES CURRICULUM THROUGHOUT THEIR HIGH SCHOOL CAREER. THE AP ACADEMY WILL OFFER STUDENTS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

- *Challenging course of study to include Pre-Advanced Placement (Honors) and Advanced Placement courses (AP)*
- *A supportive framework open to all students willing to tackle advanced courses*
- *Opportunities for pursuit of other academic and extracurricular interests*
- *College exploration sessions at each grade level*
- *School sponsored college tours in grades 11 and 12*
- *Peer mentoring and tutoring*
- *SAT and ACT test preparation opportunities*
- *Administrative monitoring and support*
- *Multiple levels of recognition upon exiting the program*
- *Special recognition on diploma and at graduation ceremony*

RUTHERFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS



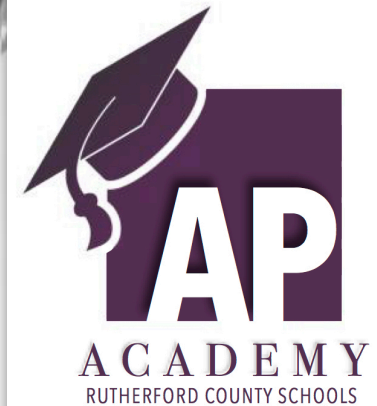
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REQUIREMENTS

* MEET ALL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AS SPECIFIED BY THE DISTRICT & STATE.

* MEET THE REQUIREMENTS SET BY THE AP ACADEMY:

- a. A minimum of 2 Honors courses during the 9th grade year & 6 total AP courses before graduation.
- b. 100 hours of community service during high school years, as determined by Academy standards & regulations
- c. Participation and commitment in at least one school-sponsored organization
- d. Attendance at AP Academy Evening Events; Minimum of one each year
- e. Maintain a 4.0 GPA (weighted)

** NOTE: AP classes are open to ALL high school students. Academy membership is NOT a requirement for enrollment.*

STUDENTS WILL:

GAIN THE EDGE IN COLLEGE PREPARATION BY:

- Getting a head start on college-level work
- Improving writing and critical thinking skills
- Developing rigorous study habits

STAND OUT IN THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS BY:

- Demonstrating maturity and readiness for college
- Showing willingness to take the most rigorous courses available
- Emphasizing commitment to academic excellence

BROADEN THEIR INTELLECTUAL HORIZONS BY:

- Exploring the world from a variety of perspectives
- Studying subjects in greater depth and detail
- Increasing reasoning and analysis skills

AP RIGOR OPTIONS

LISTED BELOW ARE POSSIBLE RIGOR OPTIONS TO MEET THE MINIMUM COURSE REQUIREMENTS ~ 2 HONORS AND 6 AP COURSES.

ENGLISH

- English I, II, III, IV Honors
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP English Literature and Composition

MATH

- Common Core Math II & III Honors
- Pre-Calculus
- Discrete Math Honors
- Foundations of Calculus Honors
- Statistics Honors & AP Statistics
- AP Calculus AB & BC

SCIENCE

- Earth/Environmental Honors
- Biology Honors
- Chemistry I & II Honors & AP Chemistry
- Physics Honors & AP Physics
- Advanced Biology Honors & AP Biology
- Environmental Honors & AP Environmental

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Civics & Economics Honors
- World History Honors & AP World History
- American History I & II Honors
- AP US History
- AP Government and Politics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Psychology

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- Online CCP Courses
- NCVPS AP Courses
- CTE Honors Courses
- World Language Honors Courses
- Arts Honors and AP Courses

** NOTE: All AP course offerings are subject to minimum enrollment requirements.*

**NOTE: This is not a comprehensive list of courses that students should take. Courses listed are merely possible rigor options. Students are NOT expected to take all courses listed.*

ABOUT



AP ACADEMY

THE AP ACADEMY OFFERS A RIGOROUS, RELEVANT, AND CHALLENGING ADVANCED PLACEMENT CURRICULUM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE AP ACADEMY WILL PARTICIPATE IN AP COURSES THAT CHALLENGE THEM TO EXPAND THEIR KNOWLEDGE, INCREASE THEIR SKILLS AND DIG DEEPER INTO THEIR SUBJECT MATTER.

STUDENTS MOTIVATED TO CHALLENGE THEMSELVES ACADEMICALLY WILL DEVELOP REQUISITE SKILLS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN AP COURSES, IMPROVE SAT & ACT SCORES, AND ESTABLISH THE ACADEMIC FOUNDATION NECESSARY TO MOVE ON TO EITHER A 2- OR 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY PROGRAM AFTER GRADUATION.

STUDENTS WHO ENTER INTO THE AP ACADEMY MUST BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE INHERENT IN ACADEMY COURSES. SPECIFICALLY, STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE ACADEMY SHOULD:

- Exhibit a proven high level of interest in all subject matter and be motivated to learn and participate in classroom discussions
- Possess the background, academic preparation and skills to handle classroom discussions
- Demonstrate the characteristics of maturity, self-discipline, persistence and independence, all of which are required for successful performance in the Academy