

2016-17

Advanced Placement

Dual Credit

MHS Courses

AP US History
AP Chemistry
AP Calculus AB
AP English Language & Comp

English 12 = ENG 101 & 102
Statistics = MAT 108
AP US History = HIST 104 & 105
Adv Welding Production = WLD 111

Teacher Certification

Teacher's syllabus must be approved through the CollegeBoard course audit process in order for the AP designation to be used on the high school transcript. The approved syllabus belongs to the teacher, not the high school. Subject-focused workshops are sponsored by CollegeBoard.

Teacher must have a Master's degree in the subject area and must be approved by Parkland. Teacher agrees to follow course syllabus provided by Parkland.

Textbook

Must use one of several suggested by CollegeBoard. Selection is approved in the audit process.

Must use same text as Parkland.

Earning College Credit

Students may choose to take a comprehensive exam on a date in May designated by CollegeBoard. Students may take exams for subjects even if they did not take the course. The exams range from 3 – 4.5 hours in length, depending on the subject.

Students take the final exam given to all Parkland students enrolled in other sections of the class. The grade earned in a dual credit class will be permanently recorded on the student's Parkland College transcript.

Student Responsibilities

Students must register with the MHS AP Coordinator by March 15 for all AP exams they choose to take. The non-refundable test fee is \$93.00 for 2017. Students who are in the federal lunch program qualify for fee waivers. See Mrs. Malone for details.

Students must apply to Parkland as a non-degree seeking student and complete a Dual Credit form. These tasks are coordinated by the guidance department.

Placement in AP or DC classes

MHS students are highly recommended to take pre-AP courses to prepare. These courses include PreAP Contemporary Am History; PreAP Chemistry and Pre AP-PreCalculus.

Placement tests are required for admittance into the Parkland section of the courses. Students will complete a computer-based Compass test administered by Parkland staff at MHS. This will be arranged by the guidance office and MHS teacher. Students who choose to re-test must make individual arrangements to test at Parkland.

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Receiving College Credit

The amount of credit granted for AP courses varies by college. The main factors considered are the exam score and the major being pursued. Generally a score of a 3 or above in a non-major course will earn credit. Students are highly encouraged to investigate the AP policy at colleges they are considering attending.

Grades earned in dual credit courses become part of the student's official Parkland transcript. Other community colleges and universities will grant credit for articulated courses. Typically, courses with an even second digit course code are articulated courses.

Reporting Results

AP course grades are included on a student's transcript. The AP exam scores are not recorded on the transcript. Students may select one college to report scores to at the time of testing. Scores may be sent to other colleges for a fee at a later date by contacting College Board. Students will need to use their AP test number to request additional score reports. It is the student's option to report scores or not.

The grade earned in a Dual Credit course is entered on both the student's MHS and Parkland transcripts. This grade cannot be removed from either transcript. In order to receive college credit from a college other than Parkland, a student must request that Parkland send their transcript to the other institution.

MHS Credit

AP courses are on the 7 point scale in the weighted grading system.

The weighted scale assigned to MHS dual credit courses varies:

English 12 = 6 point scale

AP Am. History = 7 point scale

Statistics = 6 point scale

Adv. Welding Production = 5 point scale

Drafting w/AutoCAD = 5 point scale

More Information

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com>

<http://www.parkland.edu/academics/dualcredit>