

WHEATMORE HIGH SCHOOL

Contract for Advanced Placement® Courses

In collaboration with College Board, Wheatmore High School offers Advanced Placement (AP)® courses for students capable of and willing to tackle a college level curriculum. These courses are more challenging and demanding than the honors level of the required curriculum. Wheatmore High supports any student who wants to accept the challenges of an AP® course. However, the opportunity to be in AP® courses carries with it certain assumptions about the capabilities and maturity of students who will be doing advanced or college level work. Students should be primarily motivated by an appreciation for the subject to enroll in the AP® course.

To enroll in AP® courses, students must meet the prerequisites listed for AP® courses and agree to the terms of this contract. To assist students in making an informed decision about attempting one or more of these courses, please carefully read the following.

PREREQUISITES FOR AP® COURSES

- Recommendation by previous teacher
- Recommendation by counselor based on student data sheet
- College and Career Ready Score(level 4 or 5) on Math I, English II or Biology End of Course Exam (based on prerequisite course)
- Completed application for each AP® course(WHS does not recommend taking more than two AP® courses each year)

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Each student will demonstrate:

- Maturity to work independently. Students are expected to read, learn, ask questions, pursue outside reading and research, integrate and discuss material from diverse sources.
- Familiarity with and expertise in a variety of writing modes.
- Use of higher order thinking skills: analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.
- Active and voluntary participation in class/group discussion.
- Observable commitment to and love of learning.
- Ability to read considerable amounts of challenging literature closely.
- Responsibility to prepare and deliver presentations in class.
- Graceful acceptance of feedback and coaching from the teacher.
- Commitment to preparing and performing to their best ability on the AP® Exam.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS OUTSIDE OF CLASS

Each student will:

- Complete extensive, rigorous homework assignments and independent reading. Each AP® course requires an average of 4-8 hours of work outside of class each week.
- Complete summer and winter break assignments.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

All students are expected to show maturity and integrity in their work by:

- Working with academic honesty, citing sources and avoiding plagiarism
- Completing and turning in all assignments on time. No late work will be accepted.
- Maintaining a high level of academics within the class
- Performing at their best on all assignments. No test corrections will be accepted for a higher grade.

GRADING

All assignments for honors courses will fall into the following grade categories with the assigned weights:

TESTS	60%
QUIZZES/LABS	30%
HOMEWORK/CLASSWORK	10%

I have read and understand the expectations of Advanced Placement® level courses as outlined above. By signing below, I agree to the requirements and expectations of AP® courses and to the terms in this contract.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____