



Baldwin County Public Schools Advanced Placement Program Student & Parent Information

Effective Fall 2008

I. Description of Advanced Placement Program

The Advanced Placement program is a nationally recognized College Board program that enables high school students to complete college-level studies and possibly obtain college placement or credit on the basis of their performance on rigorous Advanced Placement examinations. A strong Advanced Placement program depends upon a partnership between motivated students, of whom much is expected, and dedicated high school teachers who are trained by the College Board. Participation in Advanced Placement programs is often used as one of the criteria for academic scholarships and acceptance into many highly selective colleges.

II. Advanced Placement Student Expectations

An AP student will demonstrate the following:

- Academic excellence and a strong work ethic
- A commitment to completing the requirements of the class and the understanding that he/she is strongly encouraged to take the AP examination in the spring.*

III. Requirements

- Students who choose to take AP examinations for fall AP courses must submit payment by the last school day in August. Students who choose to take AP examinations for spring AP courses must submit payment by the last school day in January.
- No schedule changes will be made after the first week of class.
- This signed form must be kept on file in the AP teacher's classroom.

III. Student Information

Student Name _____

Grade _____ Homeroom _____ Phone # _____

AP Course: _____

How will participation in this AP course benefit you?

I have read and understand this information about the Advanced Placement Program at

_____ *High School. I will meet all AP student expectations.*

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

I have read and understand this information for the Advanced Placement Program at

_____ *High School. I will assist my child in meeting these expectations.*

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

***Students who take an AP course and receive a passing grade but choose not take the AP exam will receive 0.5 weight instead of 1.0 weight. This may affect class rank.**