

Psychology Advanced Placement (AP) Form

Student Name (print): _____ **Current grade level:** _____

Directions: Your placement into AP courses will be based on this application, your letter, grades, behavior/attendance records and speaking with the AP Psychology teacher; teacher and guardian signatures are required.

- How you will contribute to the accelerated, in-depth class and what would you gain from being in this AP class.
Note: This letter must be typed with your name on the top corner. Staple this letter to your AP Application.
- Meet with the AP Psychology teacher to review course materials. Teacher signature: _____
- Read the AP Expectations on the back of this form.

Student AP Informational Meeting: This is a MANDATORY meeting for first time students who are considering taking an AP course. Attendance will be taken and will be considered part of the AP application process. Meeting information will be posted in the High School Announcements.

Required Signatures:

I understand that AP courses require a higher level of commitment and responsibility from me. All AP courses are full-year courses. Requests to drop AP courses **will not be permitted after the drop date (Deadline is the 10th day of the start of the school year)**. I have read the expectations on the back of this form and agree to adhere to the expectations of the AP course.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

I have reviewed the AP form and understand that my student is requesting a course that has a higher level of commitment and responsibility. I have read the expectations on the back of this application and agree to adhere to the expectations of the AP course.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

TCA ADVANCED PLACEMENT AP EXPECTATIONS

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges and universities. It exposes high school students to college-level material through involvement in an AP course and provides the opportunity to demonstrate proficiency by testing for an AP exam. Colleges and universities may grant credit, placement, or both, to students who have taken the exam and scored at an acceptable level. Each college or university determines its own AP credit policy. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with these individual policies.

AP students are expected to routinely demonstrate integrity, motivation, maturity, intellectual curiosity, and elevated levels of class participation. TCA adheres to the College Board policy that strongly encourages educators to make equitable access a guiding principle for their AP programs by giving all willing and academically prepared students the opportunity to participate in AP courses. If a student earns less than the expected "C" average in a particular course s/he will need to reapply to the AP program in that subject area the following year. Prior to enrolling in AP courses, students should consult with guardians, appropriate subject area teachers and *Connections* staff.

Expectations and Time Commitment:

Students must be initiative-taking, able, and willing to work responsibly. During the AP course of study, students are expected to develop analytical reasoning skills and form disciplined study habits. AP courses are designed for students to gain in-depth knowledge in the subject area.

- **Full-year Commitment:** AP courses are full-year courses. Requests to drop AP courses **are not allowed after the drop date (Drop deadline is the 10th day of the start of the school year)**. Removal from the course may occur if a student earns an F in the course.
- **AP Exam:** A student who does not complete the AP exam will have the AP course weight removed from their GPA. Exam fees are non-refundable.
- **Workload:** Students should expect an average of 60 minutes of homework per night in each AP course. In addition to nightly homework and reading, there will be long-term projects assigned with nightly progress required. Students must balance their time; managing the workload is the responsibility of the student, not the AP teacher.
- **Multiple AP courses:** Any additional AP course will require an increase in nightly homework and time management skills. Students enrolling in three or more AP courses are required to meet with an Administrator.
- **Summer work:** There may be required summer reading/work.

Fees and Important Dates:

Students are required to sign a "Letter of Intent," pay a non-refundable exam fee and take the AP exam on the day published by College Board. Due to the intensified nature of AP courses, they may have additional fees associated with them when compared to traditional courses. (The fee is pending confirmation from the College Board and the TCA Board, so this is only an approximation based on historical data.)

- **Drop Date:** Student may choose to drop the AP course **no later** than the **10th** day of the start of the school year only.
- **Fees:** Testing fees must be paid by the deadline. Test fees are paid through Pay-For-It and are non-refundable. Financial Assistance may be available. Contact *Connections* staff for more information.

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