

Advanced Placement Program at William Aberhart



Welcome

- William Aberhart is committed to every student's success.
- At ABE, we believe access to rigorous course work such as Advanced Placement (AP) allows interested students to challenge themselves. Their achievements can result in many rewarding experiences and advantages beyond high school.



AP Agenda

1. What are Advanced Placement Courses?
2. The Benefits
3. AP Administration and Exams
4. What Is It Like to Take AP?
5. Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices
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1. What Are Advanced Placement Courses?

- AP courses are college-level courses offered in high school
- Courses reflect what is taught in top introductory college courses
- Students take AP Exams at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work
- A score of 3 or higher on an AP exam can typically earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college

Aberhart 2015 AP Courses

Course	Grade 10	Grade 11		Grade 12	
		SEM 01	SEM 02	SEM 01	SEM 02
English		English 20AP*			English 30AP
Biology	Science 10AP	Biology 20AP	Biology 30AP		
Chemistry		Chemistry 20AP*		Chemistry 30AP	Chemistry 35AP**
Physics			Physics 20AP	Physics 30AP	
Math	Math 10CAP E/F	Math 20-1AP E/F*		Math 30-1AP E/F	Math 31 AP (Calculus AB/E)
Computer Science					Computer Science 30AP
Political Science					Political Science AP
French Language					French AP

E – English F – French *may occur in 1st or 2nd semester **3 credit course

Incoming Grade 9 Students

- Students who have shown academic strength and interest in a particular subject.
- Students should converse with their Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Middle School Guidance Counsellor and subject teacher to consider if AP course(s) are an appropriate fit for them.
- An application for AP courses will be available during course selection time, around April 2015. Admission into an AP course(s) may become limited based on demand.
- Math 10-CAP E/F and Science 10-AP will require a minimum 85% in each respective grade 9 course.
- Each AP course has a slightly different sequence. Please review this information when making your course selections. Please contact an Aberhart Guidance Counsellor or the AP Coordinator to help you map out your AP course(s) for the entirety of your high school career, early on.

2. The Benefits of AP

- Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills
- Taking AP is valued in the college admission process
- AP courses are interesting and rewarding academic experiences
- Opportunity to earn valuable credit and placement in college

AP from the College Admissions Perspective

- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions*
- Colleges rank grades in college-preparatory courses and strength of curriculum as the two top factors in the admission decision
- AP courses tell college admission officials that **students are challenging themselves** and preparing for the rigors they'll encounter in their college careers

*Unpublished institutional research, Crux Research Inc., March 2007

AP Expands Students' Options

- When students earn college credit through AP Exams, their options and opportunities expand:
 - Move to upper-level college courses sooner
 - Pursue a double major
 - Gain time to study and travel abroad



AP: A More Engaging Learning Experience

- AP courses **challenge** students to work and participate at a higher level:
 - Opportunities to explore topics in **depth**
 - More **time** in and out of the classroom required to complete assignments and projects
 - High **expectations** for critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evidence, multiple perspectives, and clear written and verbal communications

3. AP Administration and Exams

- AP Exams are administered by schools worldwide on set dates in May each year.
- Exams are typically 2–3 hours and include:
 - Multiple-choice questions
 - Free-response items such as essays, problem solving, document-based questions and oral response



2015 AP Administration and Exam Fee

Early February	Students are enrolled in their courses and/or assigned a cooperating teacher for semester 2.
By February, Friday 27th	Exam fee of \$110 is paid when student is eligible to write the exam; after the last sequenced AP course. Please, make cheques payable to William Aberhart High School. Cheques can be delivered to Ms. Ng in room 231.
March 6th	AP exams and Pre-administration materials are ordered.
April 14 – 16	Pre-administration meeting during lunch in room 231 for all students writing the AP exam(s). AP identification numbers will be assigned and registration forms are completed.
May 4-15	AP exam period for <u>2015</u> begins at 8:00 am or 12:00 pm. Location(s) to be announced. Students are expected to show up 30 min before the exam begins.
May 16	All exams are shipped to AP Board
Early July	Exam scores released. Students were provided a unique student code during the pre-administrative meeting. They must create an account at the AP website to access score(s).

May 2015	8:00 am	12:00 pm
Monday 4 th	Chemistry	
Tuesday 5 th	Calculus AB	
Wednesday 6 th	English Literature	
Thursday 7 th	Computer Science A	
Monday 11 th	Biology	
Tuesday 12 th		French Language and Culture
Thursday 14 th	Government and Politics	

4. What is it like to take AP®?

Let's hear from a few Aberhart AP students:

Nicole Tse (BIO30/35AP, CHEM30/35AP)

Josephine Lee (CHEM30/35AP)

Kevin Porras (SCI10AP)

Andrea Zhuang (SCI10AP, MATH10CAP)

Linda He (SCI10AP)

College Admissions Officials In Their Own Words

- AP Program: The impact of AP credit and placement on the college experience



5. Next Steps: Help Your Child Make the Best Choices

- Help your child prepare to talk to a teacher or counselor about AP. Here are some questions to encourage your child to think about:

What AP course is right for me?

Before you talk to a teacher or counselor, think about what interests you:

- Which courses do you enjoy most in school? In which subjects do you excel?
- What college majors are you considering? What careers excite you?

Ask your counselor or teacher the following questions:

- In which AP courses at our school am I likely to do well?
- Are there other courses that can help me succeed in AP or prepare me for college and careers?

What steps do I need to take?

- What is our school's enrollment deadline?
- May I speak with a student who has taken an AP course?
- Are there study groups or people who can offer help if I need it?
- What can I do next to help me prepare for AP?

Aberhart Contacts for AP

	Staff	@cbe.ab.ca
AP Coordinator	Ms. Luna Ng	lung
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Guidance Counsellor (H-O surname)	Ms. Marnie White	mmwhite
Guidance Counsellor (P-Z surname)	Ms. Dale Rudd	dcrudd
SCI10AP, AP Biology	Ms. Claudia Fehres	cefehres
SCI10AP, AP Chemistry	Dr. Ted Pike	tmpike
CHEM20AP	Mr. Gerry Doak	gedoak
SCI10AP	Mr. Mike Craig	mkcraig
AP Physics	Mr. Gordon Wiegele	gmwiegele
AP Calculus AB	Mme. Brunelle	vebrunelle
MATH20-E, AP Calculus AB	Ms. Christine Chung	cwchung
MATH10AP-F	Ms. Margo Fosti	mlfosti
MATH 10AP-E	Mr. Brian Clark	brjclark
AP English Literature	Ms. Brenda Griffin	begriffin
AP English Literature	Mr. Dave McMillan	drmcmillan
AP Comparative Government	Mr. Phil Bruno	prbruno
AP French Language and Culture	Mme. Pettigrew	jepettigrew
Computer Science AP	Mr. Gustaf Wehnes	gjwehnes

AP: Resources Worth Exploring for Students and Families

- AP information: apstudent.collegeboard.org
- College and Career Planning: bigfuture.org
- Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT® results: My College QuickStart™
www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- AP credit policy information from colleges and universities: www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy

International value of AP

- Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP[®] credit and placement. The College Board offers information about AP credit at thousands of college and universities at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.



- Search by school name or alphabetically
- Data for each school includes a direct link to that school's Web page detailing AP credit and placement policies
- A statement from the college or university about its AP policy

The value of AP in Higher Education within Canada....

- Mount Royal
- University of Alberta
- University of Calgary
- University of Lethbridge
- *Many more....*

6. Questions and Answers

