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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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Your son/daughter, _____ (print student's name), is interested in registering for a College Board AP (Advanced Placement) class for school year 2024-2025. This is a college course with extreme rigor and high expectations. There are many benefits of taking an AP class: Students become familiar with college-level expectations; the GPA grading scale is D=2pts, C=3pts, B=4pts, A=5pts; and students may earn college credit with a score of 3 or better on the required AP Exam in May 2025. *Please note that if your child does not take the required AP exam in May 2025, his/her grade in any AP class will revert back to the regular grading point scale (D=1pt., C=2pts., B=3pts., A=4pts).*

Due to the rigor of the AP courses, many students may find it difficult to keep up with the assignments or do not make-up their low quiz and test scores. Consequently, oftentimes once students are enrolled in an AP course, many make requests to drop the AP course at the first sign of adversity. Also, some AP courses will require summer work for the student to complete to prepare for the AP course. If students do not complete the summer work, it may affect their readiness for the AP course for the 1st Quarter. However, because resources are allocated to AP courses after the completion of registration, dropping a course for these reasons will not be allowed.

This letter is to also inform you of some requirements and expectations of all AP students. All AP students will need to register online at the College Board website as an AP student once the course begins in the new school year (24-25). More information regarding online registration will be given by each AP teacher in class. In addition, all AP students will need to pay for their required AP exams sometime in October of 2024. The total amount which needs to be submitted may be around \$100/AP exam.* There is a possibility of a subsidy which will bring down the cost of each AP exam. However, WHS will not be notified of this subsidy until next school year. If the subsidy is given, your child will be charged a reduced rate for each AP exam. Once payment is submitted, there will be no refunds for any AP exams as the school will incur a fee for any AP exam not taken. **If you are experiencing extreme financial hardship which requires an extended deadline to make payments for AP exams, please have your child see Ms. Yagi, Assistant Principal, before the October 2024 deadline.*

Students must turn in this signed AP parent contract to complete their enrollment in this course. Students who do not turn in this form, will be removed from the AP course at the beginning of SY24-25.

By signing this form, I understand and agree to Waipahu High Schools AP policies and requirements which are stated above:

Parent Name(print): _____ Student Name(print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Student Signature: _____

Please check all AP courses that student plans to enroll in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Biology | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Calculus AB | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Calculus BC | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Comp. Sci | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Drawing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Eng. Lang. | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Eng. Lit | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Env. Sci. | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Japanese Lang. | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Physics 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Physics 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Spanish Lang. | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Statistics | <input type="checkbox"/> AP US History | | | |

Form is DUE to Mrs. Chun (AP Coordinator), or student's Academy Counselor by Feb. 2, 2024

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