

Honor Graduates

To be an honor graduate, a student must take 10 of the following and have 3.25 GPA in the core courses.

- Pre-AP English 10
- Pre-AP Biology
- Pre-AP U.S. History
- Pre-AP Geometry
- Pre-AP Algebra II
- Pre-AP Trig/Pre-Cal
- Pre-AP Chemistry
- Pre-AP Spanish I
- Pre-AP Spanish II
- AP English Literature
- AP English Language
- AP Chemistry
- AP Calculus
- AP Physics I
- AP Physics II
- AP U.S. History
- AP World History
- AP Biology
- AP Statistics
- AP Studio Art
- AP Spanish
- AP Drawing

Two years of the same foreign language will be required beginning with the class of 2014.



What is the Interpretation of AP Exam Scores?

- 5 = VERY WELL QUALIFIED
- 4 = WELL QUALIFIED
- 3 = QUALIFIED
- 2 = POSSIBLY QUALIFIED
- 1 = No RECOMMENDATION

Beebe High School Advanced Placement is not just a test course, it is a program! Each course offers exam prep, and earns the student a weighted grade toward their GPA: A = 5, B = 4, etc. Students must take the AP exam in May in order to receive the weighted GPA. If a student drops an AP class or does not take the AP exam, their GPA will be recalculated on the regular 4 point scale.

For more information concerning Pre AP and AP Courses visit <http://www.collegeboard.com>

Pre-AP Courses offered at Beebe School District:

Pre-AP English 7th-10th grades

Pre-AP Math 7th, Pre-AP Algebra I, Pre-AP Geometry, Pre-AP Algebra II, Pre-Cal/Trig

Pre-AP Physical Science, Pre-AP Biology, Pre-AP Chemistry

Pre-AP Civics, Pre-AP US History

A HELPFUL GUIDE FOR
STUDENTS AND PARENTS
CONSIDERING
**PRE- ADVANCED AND
ADVANCED PLACEMENT
COURSEWORK**



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WHAT IS PRE-ADVANCED PLACEMENT?

Academically advanced courses of study in: Curriculum, Resources, Performance, and Expectations which are designed to build student capacity to understand rigorous content.

Pre-AP courses provide the development of skills and concepts necessary for success in Advanced Placement courses in grades 10-12.

WHAT IS ADVANCED PLACEMENT?

The Beebe School District has a long history of commitment to excellence. In 2013 and 2014 Beebe School District was named to the 4th and 5th Annual Advanced Placement District Honor Roll. Beebe schools are among 477 districts around the country and Canada that were honored by College Board for increasing access to AP coursework while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students who earned scores of 3 or higher on AP exams.

Advanced placement classes give academically talented (identified and non-identified) students the opportunity to take college-level courses while in high school. Beebe AP teachers use college-level materials and a course syllabus audited by the National College Board. These courses provide students with a more rigorous curriculum that reflects courses taught in colleges through the country.

In May of each year, students take exams administered by the College Board. Depending on the scores attained on these tests, and on

whether or not a college or university recognizes AP courses, a Beebe student may earn college credits.

Concurrent courses, on the other hand, are on-site junior college courses that also offer college credit. It is a personal student decision, but students should select a path that will match their particular skill.

WHAT DOES RESEARCH SAY ABOUT THE STUDENT BENEFIT?

- Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely to graduate in four years.
- A 2008 study found that AP students had better four-year graduation rates than those who did not take AP. For example, graduation rates for AP English Literature students were 62 percent higher than graduation rates for those who took other English courses in high school.
- Because more than 3,200 colleges and universities in the United States offer credit and/or advanced placement for qualifying AP scores, AP students have the flexibility to double major or study abroad without putting at risk graduation in four years.
- 31% of colleges and universities consider a student's AP experience when making decisions about which students will receive scholarships.
- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admissions decisions.

Based on research gathered in 2009 by The College Board and published in "AP and the Cost of College."

What Is The Student Commitment?

Students should select a path that will match their skill/major.

AP is a rigorous college level course.

- AP provides more in-depth study.
- Extra time is required to research and study (homework). It may be difficult for students who work long hours.
- Exams administered by the College Board (national validation).
- The experience of sitting for a comprehensive exam is valuable for college bound students.

ADVANCE Seminar Class

The ADVANCE seminar class is aimed at college-bound sophomores and focuses on the following:

- Constructing a college resume and scholarship essays
- Test preparation for standardized tests (ACT, PSAT, ACT)
- Visiting college campuses
- Preparing academically, mentally, and financially for the college experience.
- Enhancing leadership skills.
- Service learning.