



# High School Guidelines for Course Placement



Content	CP Courses	Pre-AP* Courses	AP* Courses
English	<input type="checkbox"/> Not passed EOC/STAAR <input type="checkbox"/> Grade $\leq 76$	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed EOC/STAAR & <i>At least one of the following:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Grade $\geq 77$ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed EOC/STAAR & <i>At least one of the following:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Grade $\geq 80$ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation
Math	<input type="checkbox"/> Not passed EOC/STAAR <input type="checkbox"/> Grade $\leq 76$	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed EOC/STAAR & <i>At least one of the following:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Grade $\geq 77$ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed EOC/STAAR & <i>At least one of the following:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Grade $\geq 80$ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation
Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Not passed EOC/STAAR <input type="checkbox"/> Grade $\leq 76$	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed EOC/STAAR & <i>At least one of the following:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Grade $\geq 77$ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed EOC/STAAR & <i>At least one of the following:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Grade $\geq 80$ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation
Social Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Not passed EOC/STAAR <input type="checkbox"/> Grade $\leq 76$	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed EOC/STAAR & <i>At least one of the following:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Grade $\geq 77$ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed EOC/STAAR & <i>At least one of the following:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Grade $\geq 80$ <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation

\*While Pre-AP/AP courses are open enrollment, this chart serves as guidance to assist with student placement since these courses are more academically rigorous. Reviewing the student's overall academic track record and his/her commitment to taking more challenging coursework will assist in determining placement on a case by case basis.

## **When making a decision about taking AP courses, students should consider the following questions:**

1. How do you work independently?
2. How will you manage the increased homework (1-2 hours per night per AP course) and expectations of AP courses?
3. How diligently are you willing to work to be successful in the course?
4. Speak to the teacher of the course - what are the specific expectations of that teacher/that course?
5. What kinds of support do you feel you need to be successful in an AP course (i.e. tutoring, writing preparation, reading preparation, study skills)? How will you develop that support?
6. What is your understanding of the significance of the AP exam at the end of the year? How will you benefit from studying for the exam and striving to do your best?

## **Expectations of AP Courses**

1. Intense reading and writing assignments
2. Additional research and study necessary to analyze all the material covered in the course
3. Student's desire and ability to work independently and push him/herself academically and intellectually
4. Engagement in the study of subject matter beyond just learning facts – in-depth analysis and synthesis of material
5. Students take the AP test at the end of the year with the expectation the exam will be taken seriously